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Do funny girls finish last?

Reports of his death exaggerated

FUNERAL A Brazilian bricklayer reportedly killed in a car crash shocked his mourning family by showing up alive at his funeral.

Relatives of Ademir Jorge Goncalves, 59, had identified him as the victim of a Sunday night car crash in southern Brazil, police said.

As is customary in Brazil, the funeral was held the following day, which happened to be the holiday of Finados, when Brazilians visit cemeteries to honour the dead.

What family members didn't know was that Goncalves had spent the night at a truck stop talking with friends over drinks, his niece Rosa Sampaio told the O Globo newspaper. He did not get word about his own funeral until it was happening Monday morning.

"The corpse was badly disfigured, but dressed in similar clothing," said a police spokesman, who talked on condition of anonymity as he wasn't authorized to discuss the case.

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A model presents a creation yesterday during Pakistan Fashion Week in Karachi. The fashion week has been delayed due to ongoing security fears, which have kept foreign guests away.

That empty feeling

Province will run out of H1N1 vaccine this week: Minister

Flu Outbreak

Ontario will run out of the regular swine flu vaccine by the end of the week, forcing many immunization clinics to close and preventing priority groups from receiving the flu shot, Health Minister Deb Matthews said yesterday.

She declined to name the day the province will run dry, saying some local health units will deplete their stockpiles faster than others.

"We will be exhausting the supply we have by the end of this week," she said.

Ontario has enough vaccine to immunize 2.2 million residents, which the government plans to do by the end of the week, said provincial health officials. But that isn't enough to vaccinate all 3.4 million people who fall into the high-priority groups.

The province will backstop health units that are running out with an additional 189,000 doses of the regular vaccine it received over the week, said Dr. Arlene King, Ontario's chief medical officer of health. It also has 86,800 doses of the unadjuvanted vaccine intended for pregnant women.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper told the House of Commons that 1.8 million doses of the regular H1N1 vaccine will be shipped to the provinces next week, but King said she hasn't been told when the new supplies will arrive or how much Ontario will get.

"I think it's reasonable to say that it's difficult to plan when you don't know from week to week how much product you're going to get," she said.

Alberta ran out of the vaccine and is temporarily closing clinics this week. Other provinces have also warned of dwindling supplies.

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H1N1 clinics:

- For a complete list of H1N1 flu shot clinics in the city, go to **metronews.ca/local**

Cellphones are moving into the super fast lane

Consumers looking to upgrade their cellphone have a new acronym to learn: HSPA.

All three of Canada's big wireless providers — Bell, Telus and Rogers — are buzzing about the new technology — high speed packet access — which promises to make smartphones even more fun and powerful with blazing download speeds far faster than most home Internet connections.

Desktop and laptop computers can also connect to HSPA networks to take advantage of the high speeds, although it's typically a more expensive option, especially for users who do a lot of downloading or use a lot of bandwidth.

HSPA networks currently can reach as high as 21 megabits per second, which will usher in a new age of mobile video streaming, downloading and other high-tech features that were once considered impossible, the companies tout.

"I've been in this business a long time and I almost think this is just too good to be true," Bell Mobility president Wade Oosterman said yesterday.

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Library workers strike tentative deal

Toronto library workers reached a tentative settlement with the Toronto Public Library yesterday heading off the possibility of a strike or lockout that could have started next Monday. Details of the agreement between the library and its 2,400 workers represented by Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 4948 weren't released before a ratification vote, which will be held some time next week. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Dalton Days on horizon?

McGuinty hinting civil servants will have to take unpaid days off

Premier Dalton McGuinty is giving his strongest indication so far that civil servants may have to take unpaid days off to help eliminate the deficit.

McGuinty told the Ontario Economic Summit in Niagara-on-the-Lake that the public sector has a duty to help eliminate the $25-billion deficit.

Former NDP premier Bob Rae had proposed a similar strategy to deal with a deficit in the early 1990s, which the unions condemned as Rae Days.

Asked directly yesterday if he would introduce Dalton Days, McGuinty said the government would talk with civil servants and workers in the broader public sector about their role in balancing the budget. He said the government for the most part had been sheltered from the worst effects of the global recession.

$25B
Ontario is currently facing a $25 billion deficit

The premier said any strategy for eliminating the deficit, including Dalton Days, won't be announced before next spring's provincial budget.

He promised to consult widely before developing a plan. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Still no deal for colleges, OPSEU

EDUCATION Three months of talks with a conciliator have so far failed to produce a new contract for full-time faculty at Ontario's public colleges.

Rachael Donovan, head of the colleges' bargaining team, says the lack of progress is very frustrating for students and faculty.

She says both groups need certainty and "should not be burdened with the threat of a labour disruption."

Raises

- The colleges four-year offer would include raises to bring the maximum salary to $103,464 by Sept. 2012.

Wages and workload are key issues in the talks, which have seen the two sides meet 25 times since early June.

Both sides meet again next Tuesday.

The colleges say OPSEU's latest proposal would boost the top salary for full-time faculty by 14 per cent to $109,915 by next September. THE CANADIAN PRESS

DAVID COOPER/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Prince Charles waves to his wife Camilla as she departs separately after they arrived in Toronto at Pearson International yesterday. They were greeted by Premier Dalton McGuinty and his wife Terri.

Royals kick off Ontario leg of visit

ONTARIO Prince Charles and his wife Camilla, the Duchess of Cornwall, landed in Toronto yesterday afternoon to begin the Ontario leg of their Canadian tour.

Charles walked down the steps first, followed by his wife, and the couple shook hands with provincial dignitaries, including Premier Dalton McGuinty and his wife, and Lt.-Gov. David Onley.

The royals attended a government reception last night to kick off their three-day Ontario visit.

Camilla will visit the Royal Conservatory of Music and be treated to a brief performance by three young musicians.

But before the tour got underway, the royal couple remembered Newfoundland and Labrador's war dead at a touching ceremony in St. John's.

Prince Charles laid a wreath at the province's National War Memorial as Camilla and others stood quietly. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Child-free downtown fight brewing

DEVELOPMENT Downtown Toronto will turn into a child-free zone if apartment and condominium builders don't start including family-friendly units in their developments, says a downtown councillor.

But developers turned up at City Hall yesterday to attack a proposal that would require 10 per cent of all units in large developments to have three or more bedrooms.

Councillor Adam Vaughan (Ward 20, Trinity-Spadina) led the charge for more family housing, saying that downtown schools are emptying out as a wave of new development suited only to singles and couples is built.

Vaughan said it's healthy to have more children downtown, to make use of the schools, community centres and libraries that have already been built. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Correction

Nine city councillors oversee the Toronto Transit Commission board. A Nov. 4 article about a potential TTC fare hike in the New Year incorrectly stated that there are 11 city councillors on the board.

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Pan Am-demonium

Toronto bid team going all out to win Games

Toronto's Pan Am bid team is wooing delegates in Guadalajara, Mexico, with iconic Canadian food items, from Timbit-like mini-donuts to red and white ice cream topped with a Smartie stamped with a 2015 logo.

"All these little things are part of the creativity you bring to the bid process," said bid chair David Peterson, as he waited yesterday to talk to delegates from the 42-member Pan American Sports Organization. Two Mounties in formal red serge were on hand, happy to have their photos taken with delegates. Premier Dalton McGuinty, Mayor David Miller and Gary Lunn, federal minister of sport, will also be in town to lobby for Toronto's bid. Each city will have an hour to make its final pitch Friday.

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1999

1999 was the last time Canada hosted the Pan Am games. Winnipeg hosted them in 1967 and 1999

Woodbine Beach **Run free**

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Ross Metcalfe plays with his dog Kona on an otherwise empty Woodbine beach. They can enjoy the leash free beach now that the new city bylaw allows for the entire beach to be leash free from Nov. 1 to Mar. 31. The cold temperatures have chased away the usual crowds.

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Police ID shooting victim

Toronto police have identified 24-year-old Kevin Phouthonesy who was shot and killed in the Finch Ave. and Keele St. area late Tuesday night. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Man claims killing

Former girlfriend on trial for toddler's death

A man testified yesterday he killed a toddler six years ago, not his former girlfriend who is on trial for second-degree murder.

Johnny Bermudez told the Toronto court the girl's mother, Erika Mendieta, left him alone with 34-month-old Emmily and her younger half brother in November 2003.

He started slapping the children and pushing them down because they wouldn't stop crying. Eventually, Emmily didn't get back up and had stopped crying, and her pulse was faint.

When Mendieta came home, Emmily was rushed to the hospital where she died from a blow to the head.

Mendieta was charged more than a year later.

Prosecutors say Bermudez has given contradictory statements since Emmily died and suggested he is lying, trying to cover for Mendieta.

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Killer's move to adult jail put off

RENGEL A judge has delayed moving the teenage killer of 14-year-old Stefanie Rengel to an adult penitentiary until 2011.

Ontario Superior Court Justice Ian Nordheimer ruled yesterday David Bagshaw, who turns 20 in January, is showing signs of progress in a youth facility, which warranted keeping him there beyond his 20th birthday.

Normally, young offenders are moved to adult institutions when they turn 20, unless there are extenuating circumstances.

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Transit Workplace challenge

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TTC Chair Adam Giambrone greets hotel workers arriving at One King West for a news conference where they challenged other workplaces to subsidize transit passes for workers.

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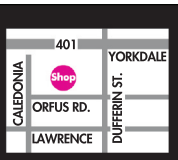

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Head of battlefields commission steps down 7

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Canada

Gun registry to die?

Majority of MPs support bill to scrap registry

The national debate over gun control that many Canadians thought had been resolved a decade ago has roared back to life after the House of Commons voted in principle yesterday to end the long-gun registry.

The minority Conservative government got help from 12 New Democrats, eight Liberals and one Independent to pass a private member's bill that would kill the registry, expunge records on more than seven million firearms, and plow under a $1-billion taxpayer investment

The 164-137 vote in favour of Bill C-391 is a big victory for the Tories, who have been fighting for years to end what they call a "wasteful, inefficient" registry.

The bill now goes to a Commons committee for study — and possible amendment — setting the stage for another heated national argument over the best way to curb gun violence.

Regardless of what happens next, it appears the lid has been pried off the gun box.

Conservatives say the registry is a billion-dollar waste that targets honest gun-owners while doing nothing to fight crime.

Proponents, including police and victims-rights groups, say the registry is a useful investigative tool and has led to more responsible gun ownership, and a reduction in suicides and deadly crimes of passion.

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Ottawa **Sea of red**

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Conservative MP Andrew Saxton speaks as he is surrounded by a sea of red Olympic mittens during question period in the House of Commons on Parliament Hill in Ottawa yesterday.

Moms seek tire policy change

WINTER The mothers of two schoolboys killed in a tragic van crash in northern New Brunswick are asking education officials to change a winter tire policy.

Seven members of the Bathurst High School boys basketball team, along with their coach's wife, were killed when their school van collided with a transport truck in 2008.

The two mothers want the 21-passenger vehicle used by Bathurst High to have winter tires on the front and the back.

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Lawsuit planned over violent arrest at school

LONDON The lawyer for a University of Western Ontario student whose violent arrest last month was caught on video plans to file a lawsuit.

The 22-year-old man is charged with resisting arrest, assaulting a peace officer and escaping custody and will appear in court Nov. 19.

Police have said force was needed to subdue and arrest the man that they allege was being threatening and combative.

Lawyer Phil Millar says the lawsuit has yet to be filed but it will likely involve the university, London police and campus police.

He also says his client, Irnes Zeljkovic, remains in a psychiatric hospital and "is not doing very well."

Earlier this week, the university said the Oct. 14 incident would be reviewed independently by former provincial police commissioner Gwen Boniface while another review is conducted by London police.

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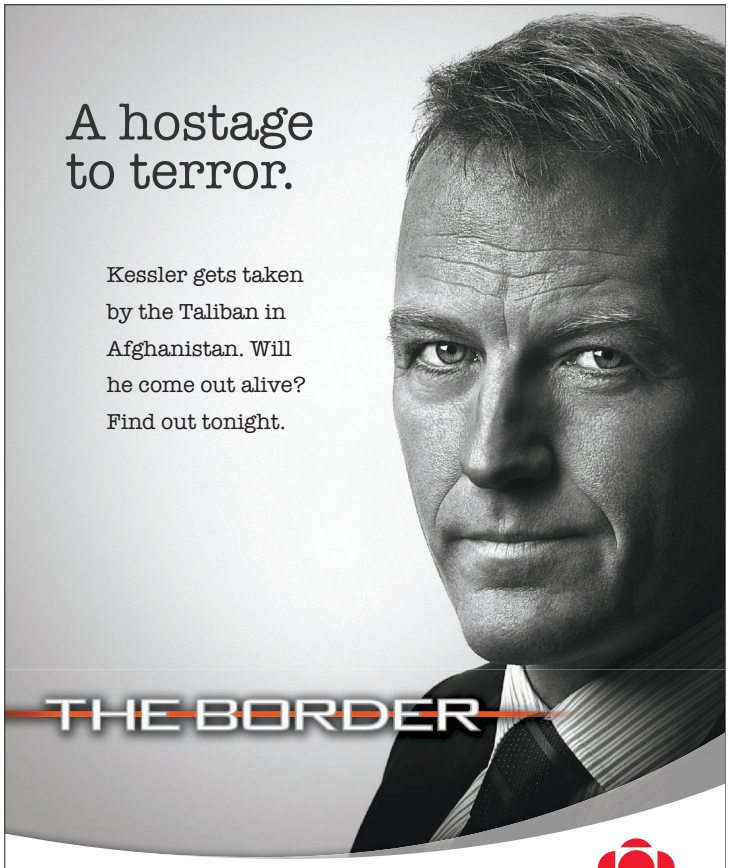

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Allegedly fake massage therapist facing charges

Police in Hamilton have arrested a man alleged to have been posing as a massage therapist. Michael Fells is charged with sexual assault. THE CANADIAN PRESS

WestJet sees bump in passenger traffic

WestJet Airlines Ltd. reported improvements in passenger traffic and fewer empty seats on its flights last month compared with a year ago, when the impact of the global recession began to grip Canadian consumers.

The Calgary-based airline said yesterday there was a 0.3 per cent increase in passenger traffic, as measured by revenue passenger miles or RPM.

Load factor, a measure of how much available capacity is used, improved to 77.3 per cent in October, an increase of 1.5 percentage points from a year earlier.

Available seat miles, a measure of capacity, was reduced by 1.8 cent year-to-year.

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Sean Durfy, president and CEO of WestJet.

"We are encouraged by our year-over-year improvements in October's load factor and RPMs," WestJet president and CEO Sean Durfy said in a statement.

Meanwhile, Air Canada reported a small increase in the proportion of empty seats on its flights compared with a year ago as passenger traffic fell faster than the airline cut capacity.

Air Canada reported a load factor of 79.6 per cent on a consolidated basis with its regional partner Jazz, compared with 80.2 per cent a year ago.

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Beef producers seeking federal assistance

ECONOMY Beef producers are asking the Harper government for help, saying they face a "perfect storm."

They say mounting debt, inadequate insurance, unfair trade barriers and a strong dollar handicaps their foreign market prospects.

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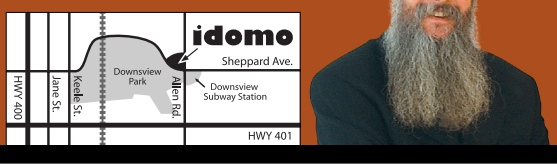

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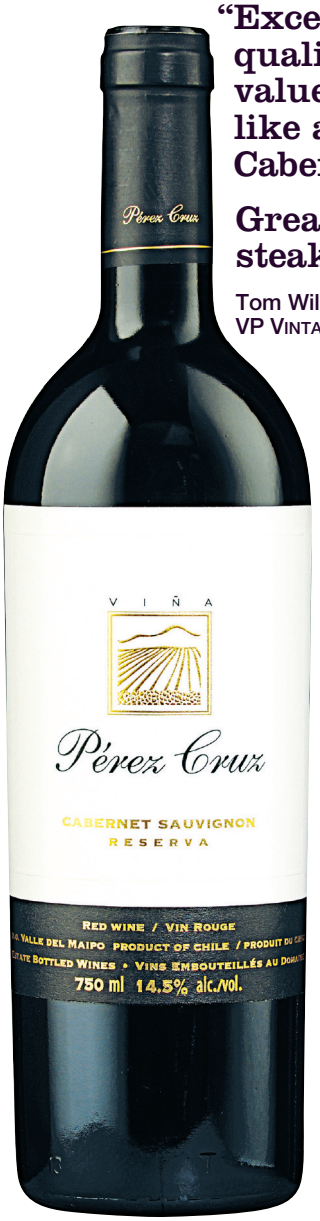

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Court victory for First Nations
The British Columbia Supreme Court has ruled that a group of Vancouver Island First Nations has the right to harvest and sell all species of fish found within its territories. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

NOVA SCOTIA Some senior bureaucrats in Nova Scotia's Health Department are distancing themselves from an NDP campaign promise to keep the province's emergency rooms open seven days a week. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Grits hammer Tories on handling of H1N1

Flu Outbreak

The federal Liberals were using their opposition day to debate the Harper government's handling of the swine-flu outbreak.

MP Carolyn Bennett, the Liberal health critic, says the party will demand that $460 million earmarked in the 2006 budget for pandemic preparedness be "returned" to the provinces to help them cope with H1N1.

But the Liberals weren't moving a motion of non-confidence in the minority Conservatives, despite earlier claims that people are dying on the government's watch.

Opposition parties went after the Tories during an emergency debate in the House of Commons this week over long lineups and vaccine shortages at flu-shot clinics, which have stoked public confusion and frustration.

Carolyn Bennett

Supply of the vaccine hit a snag last week after Quebec manufacturer GlaxoSmithKline switched from making the adjuvanted version of the vaccine — which contains a booster compound — to making special unadjuvanted batches for pregnant women.

The changeover apparently slowed production of the H1N1 vaccine more than the drugmaker had expected. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Judge puts off child-porn case against bishop

COURT A judge has put off the case of a Roman Catholic bishop facing child-pornography charges.

A lawyer for Raymond Lahey has asked for more disclosure of evidence on the charges of possessing and importing child pornography.

The Nova Scotia bishop was charged Sept. 25 — 10 days after he was detained and questioned by Canada Border Services Agency officers at Ottawa airport.

Lahey, 69, stepped down as bishop of the diocese in Antigonish, N.S., and has been staying with other priests in Ottawa since he was granted bail Oct. 1.

Police say they found hundreds of files and dozens of videos on Lahey's laptop after he arrived in Ottawa on a flight from the United Kingdom, many of them showing young males engaged in sex acts. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Afghan policeman kills five British soldiers

An Afghan policeman opened fire on British soldiers in the volatile southern province of Helmand, killing five before fleeing, authorities said yesterday, raising concerns about discipline within the Afghan forces and possible infiltration by insurgents. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Challenger calls Karzai's victory illegal

The challenger in Afghanistan's recent election called President Hamid Karzai's victory illegal and his government a failure, saying yesterday that the tainted administration would not be able to check corruption or fend off the Taliban. Abdullah Abdullah, left, said he did not plan to personally challenge Karzai's victory in court, but would leave it up to the Afghan people to decide whether to accept Karzai as the legitimate leader for another five-year term.

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Man sentenced for sex with horse

SOUTH CAROLINA A man caught on video having sex with a horse was sentenced yesterday to three years in prison after pleading guilty for the second time in two years to abusing the creature. Rodell Vereen was also ordered never to go near the stable where the horse's owner caught him in July. He apologized to the owner and to himself after admitting to the buggery. "I'm sorry about what I've done ... It's my fault. I'm sorry for what I've done to myself," Vereen said at the hearing. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Tale of two protests

The contrasts were vivid: Pro-government supporters chanted "Death to America" and stomped on U.S. flags yesterday while not far away, hundreds of opposition protesters denounced Iran's leaders and appealed to America's president to choose sides.

"Obama, Obama, you are either with them, or with us," the anti-government protesters chanted in Farsi, in a video clip widely circulated on the Internet.

The new and startling appeal to U.S. President Barack Obama came as Iran's opposition protesters returned to the streets in large numbers for the first time in nearly two months.

Authorities were ready with the same sweeping measures they used to quell fierce election-fraud protests this summer and early fall: Sending paramilitary units to key locations to fire tear gas and beat people with batons.

The day — marking the 30th anniversary of the 1979 U.S. Embassy takeover — has major symbolic importance for Iran's leaders.

Thousands of people attended a pro-government rally called to mark the anniversary outside Washington's former embassy in Tehran. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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An Iranian female anti-government protestor runs from security yesterday on the sidelines of a state-sanctioned rally to mark the 30th anniversary of the U.S. Embassy takeover in Tehran.

Proposal likely a scare tactic

MIDDLE EAST Palestinians should give up seeking an independent state and pursue a single country in which they would enjoy equal rights with Israelis, the chief Palestinian negotiator in Mideast peace talks said yesterday.

The remark by Saeb Erekat was not a novel idea — prominent Palestinians, including past negotiators, have floated it before, usually when efforts to achieve a negotiated solution to the decades old-conflict with Israel are faltering as they are now. Erekat's call for a one-state solution appeared to be a scare tactic, fed by frustration. Erekat said growing Jewish settlements in the West Bank and East Jerusalem are eating away at lands the Palestinians' want for their state.

Therefore, Erekat said, Palestinians "should refocus their attention to the one-state solution, where Muslims, Jews and Christians can live as equals." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Weapons seized

- Israeli commandos seized a ship yesterday that officials said was carrying weapons from Iran bound for Lebanon's Hezbollah guerrillas — the largest arms shipment Israel has ever commandeered.

News in brief

ITALY A judge says he has convicted 23 Americans of the 2003 kidnapping of an Egyptian cleric from a Milan street in a CIA extraordinary rendition. Judge Oscar Magi said yesterday he was acquitting three others. All of the Americans were tried in absentia. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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State elections not about Obama, officials say

The White House said yesterday, after Democratic losses in two states, that the races for governor were not a referendum on President Barack Obama. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Police search for more bodies

A convicted rapist who lived among 10 corpses was ordered held without bond yesterday as investigators prepared to begin tearing apart walls inside the house in search of more evidence or bodies.

Anthony Sowell appeared in court under tight security.

Sowell

Assistant Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Brian Murphy called Sowell "an incredibly dangerous threat to the public."

Police discovered the first six bodies Thursday and Friday after a woman reported being raped at Sowell's home. Investigators said they found one body in a shallow grave in the backyard. The rest were inside the house. They found four more bodies Tuesday.

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British lawmakers face tough rules after expenses scandal

Drain the moat, tear down the duck house, fire the housekeeper. British lawmakers face strict new allowance rules following a scandal over their outrageous expense claims.

The rules published yesterday will ban legislators from using expenses to fund swank second homes and outlaw the use of taxpayers' money to employ family members as staff.

Christopher Kelly, an ex-civil servant, said an advisory committee he leads has drafted a new regime "shorn of the special features which gave scope for exploitation."

Party leaders have promised to adopt all his recommendations, despite some protests from legislators.

"The system in future will be different — it will be open, it will be more transparent, it will be fair," Prime Minister Gordon Brown said.

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Do funny girls have the last laugh?

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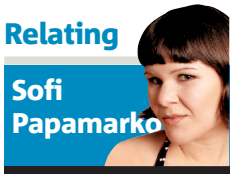

Sofi Papamarko

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Ask just about anyone what they're seeking in a potential mate and you're likely to get the same answers: Nice. Smart. Cute. Funny. Employed.

But what if the person sitting next to you at the movies is REALLY funny? What if they are a veritable comic genius.

If you're a woman, you're probably going to want to see him again. If you're a man, you're probably going to bolt after the credits.

An unfair generalization? Maybe. But owing to my observations and personal experiences, I can't help but wonder (with apologies to Carrie Bradshaw) — when it comes to dating, do funny girls finish last?

Hey, let's ask science!

"Research indicates that, when asked what traits they find attractive in a potential partner, both men and women rate a sense of humour as being very desirable," says psychology Prof. Dr. Rod Martin. "However, it appears that there is a difference in what men and women mean by a 'sense of humour.' What women mean by a sense of humour seems to be someone who will make them laugh, whereas what men mean seems to be someone who will laugh at their jokes."

Martin conducted a study where young men and women were asked to select traits they found most attractive of members of the opposite sex. "Women were more likely to choose the one who made others laugh, whereas men were more likely to choose the one who laughed at others' jokes," he says.

"Being funny can help in the beginning, but it can be a novelty that wears off," says comic Michelle Shaughnessy (myspace.com/michelleyshaughnessy). While meeting friends of a guy she was dating and making them all laugh, her date took her aside. "I thought he was going to tell me how great I was doing and how he was happy that his friends liked me," she says.

"He informed me that when it comes to the guys, he was the funny one and I was making him uncomfortable."

But for all the men out there who find funny women a turnoff, there are some gents who appreciate a quick female wit. Such men are clearly smart enough to hold on tight when they snag themselves a funny girl.

And it's those lucky fellas who will have the last laugh.

Sofi Papamarko is a 20-something writer based in Toronto. Her heroes include Desmond Morris and Nancy Sinatra.

Views

Step in right direction for Kuwaiti women

GlobalView

Mona Eltahawy

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Within a week in October, Kuwaiti women won two small victories that were baby steps for womankind, but a nightmare come true for Muslim fundamentalists, who for decades blocked political rights for women.

First, Kuwait's constitutional court ruled married women could obtain passports and travel without their husbands' permission. The court said the previous requirement was in violation of guarantees of freedom and gender equality in the constitution.

The second victory came when the constitutional court dismissed a case raised by an Islamist voter who claimed that two of four women elected to parliament in May — Rola Dashti and Aseel al-Awadhi — cannot be members of the legislature because they don't wear headscarves. The other two female parliamentarians wear headscarves.

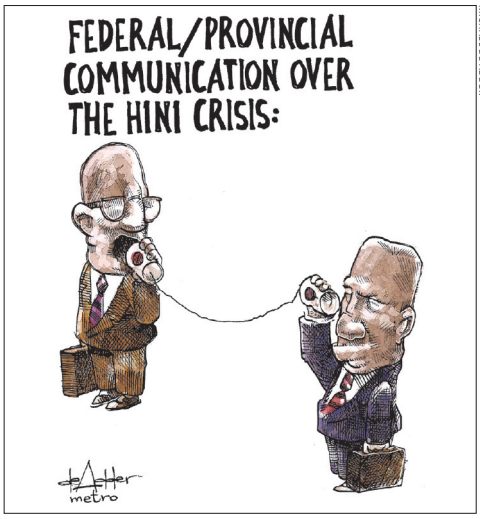
Headscarves have nothing to do with being a competent parliamentarian but everything to do with Muslim fundamentalist fear of women's rights.

For years, those fundamentalists stood in the way of women's political rights, making sure Kuwait's parliament remained a boy's only club.

Islamists forget they don't hold the copyright to Islam or its interpretations and they forgot that for many of us Muslims, the essence of Islam is equality and justice, not a hatred of women or laws to curtail their rights.

All four women parliamentarians in Kuwait are Muslim. Two wear headscarves. Two don't. That is the way it should be — an exercise of free will based on individual conscience and not the misogyny of fundamentalists.

Mona Eltahawy is an award-winning Egyptian-born commentator and public speaker on Arab and Muslim issues. She reported on the Middle East for 10 years before moving to the U.S.



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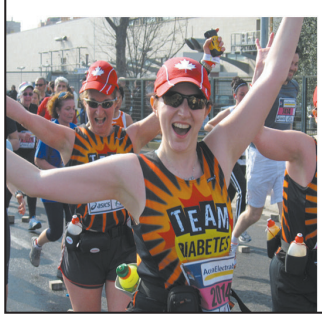

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Microsoft cuts 800 more jobs

Microsoft Corp. says it is cutting 800 more jobs. That's in addition to the 5,000 layoffs it announced in January. Lou Gellos, a Microsoft spokesman, said yesterday the cuts are being made in offices around the globe. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Home sales rush worries analyst

Homebuyers have been "blinded" by historically low interest rates causing a rush of sales in the housing market, which is unsustainable, says an analyst.

"What we are seeing is much more consistent with a boom economy, not a recovering economy," Benjamin Tal, senior economist with CIBC World Markets, said in an interview. "The problem is, people are rushing into the market and not being prudent … Consumers are blinded by the rates."

With two months to go in the year, sales of existing homes in the Toronto area hit 74,721, just edging last year's total figures of 74,552, according to figures released by the Toronto Real Estate Board.

Existing home sales soared to 8,476 in October, up 64 per cent from the same month last year.

The average price for a home in October was up 20 per cent to $423,559, the highest on record.

Tal says activity in 2010 and 2011 should be much more subdued, especially as rates notch back up.

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Condominium market

- There were more new condominium sales in the third quarter than in the first two quarters of this year.
- The 4,617 condos sold in the third quarter are up 16 per cent over last year.
- The resale market was up 29 per cent for condos.

Magna's shares jump 10 per cent

AUTOS Magna International dodged what some observers say could have been a business disaster this week when General Motors Co. dashed plans to sell its money-losing Opel division to a Magna-led group that wanted to build cars and sell them in the growing Russian market.

Stock in the auto parts producer jumped 10.1 per cent yesterday on the TSX as investors appeared to heave a sigh of relief that Magna would not become the next major automaker. Magna's stock closed up $4.34 to $47.34.

The deal risked undermining Magna's parts sales to Volkswagen and others who saw Opel as a competitor.

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Worry

- Automakers were concerned with Magna having access to their design secrets and other intellectual property while investing in vehicles that would serve as direct competition to their own products.

Iamgold Corp. earns record $64.9M profit

MINING Higher gold prices and lower production costs helped Iamgold Corp. generate record earnings in the third quarter. The Toronto-based miner said yesterday it earned profits of $64.9 million or 18 cents a share in the quarter ended Sept. 30, a 245 per cent increase over the $18.8 million, or 4.6 cents a share, the company earned in the same quarter last year.

Revenues were $235.2 million, up four per cent from $226.9 million.

"Iamgold's focus on delivering shareholder value produced outstanding results in the third quarter," president and CEO Joseph Conway said. "Gold production reached 244,000 ounces at cash costs of $457 per ounce during the quarter, driven by record production once again from our flagship Rosebel mine (in Suriname)," Conway said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Molson Coors said its third-quarter profit rose although revenue fell as consumers bought less beer but paid higher prices for it.

Molson Coors profit up 37% despite drop in retail sales

BEER Molson Coors continued to lose market share in the third quarter as discount regional brewers took a disconcerting slurp out of its business outside of Quebec and Ontario.

The Montreal and Denver-based brewer said its Canadian sales to retail decreased by 3.2 per cent, well above the 0.7 per cent decrease faced by the industry as a whole. Coors Light continued to grow but Molson Canadian and Molson Export declined.

Overall, Molson Coors said its third-quarter profit rose 37 per cent.

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New brews

Molson Coors plans to introduce three new brands in the fourth quarter:

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- Molson M (a microcarbonated lager)
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It is believed that some individuals have a genetic predisposition to a receding hairline *(most common in men)* or hair/follicle thinning over larger areas of scalp *(more common in women)*. These conditions result from hormonal changes caused by an enzyme in the dermal papilla called 5-alpha-reductase. This enzyme breaks down the hormone testosterone into dihydrotestosterone *(DHT)*.

Over a period of time, an over abundance of DHT causes the hair follicle to degrade and shortens the active phase of the hair, eventually leading to thinner hair and eventual hair loss.

How does BIO-FEN PLUS™ *work?*

Specific compounds within the herbal extracts inhibit the 5-alpha-reductase *(and therefore reduce DHT)* to prevent or slow down the rate of hair loss. This process is the principle by which the prescription drugs such as Propecia *(finasteride)* work. However, BIO-FEN PLUS™ also contains additional compounds which remove excess cholesterol and testosterone – the building blocks of DHT.

BIO-FEN PLUS™ also contains vitamins to increase blood flow to the small capillaries that feed the hair roots, to deliver the active herbal compounds and remove waste. **Therefore, BIO-FEN PLUS™ provides a natural, safer alternative to expensive drugs, and/or expensive & painful hair transplants.** As with the prescription alternatives, results vary from person to person, and no one product will work for everyone.

How long must I use BIO-FEN PLUS™ *?*

BIO-FEN PLUS™ capsules are usually effective at stopping hair loss within the first two months. However, since healthy hair grows only about 1 cm each month, it may take up to three months before you notice that hair growth is increased or further hair loss is stopped.

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How safe is BIO-FEN PLUS™ *?*

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What is the quality of BIO-FEN PLUS™ *?*

BIO-FEN PLUS™ is manufactured in Canada according to a quality assurance program called Good Manufacturing Practices *(GMP)*. This ensures that the ingredients are tested for their level of quality, potency & purity, prior to production and again prior to sale.

See our website to locate your nearest Health Food Store or Pharmacy that offers BIO-FEN PLUS™ and other quality products from Hair Grow Technology. If you have any questions or comments about our products that target hair loss and support the growth of strong, healthy hair, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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D-calcium pantothenate *(Vitamin B5)*	10.40 mg
Niacinamide *(Vitamin B3)*	10.25 mg
Pyridoxine HCl *(Vitamin B6)*	2.00 mg
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Non-medicinal ingredients: inert microcrystalline cellulose and vegetable-based magnesium stearate in a veggie-based capsule.

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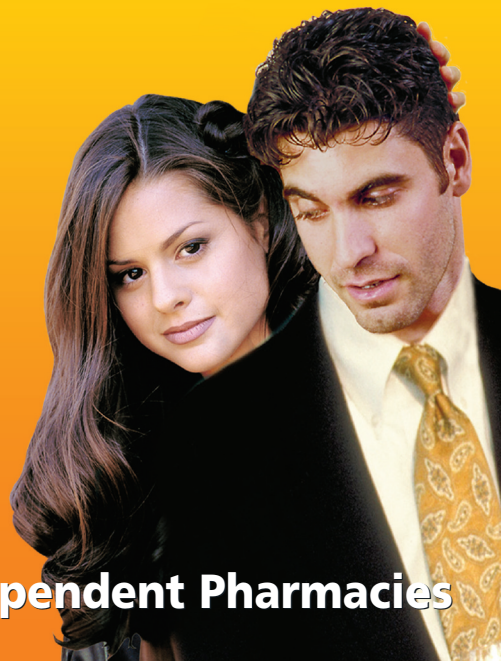

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Padilla shot in leg

Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Vicente Padilla is recovering from a bullet wound in his leg after a target shooting instructor accidentally shot him. Dr. Eduardo Reguera said Padilla, who signed with the Dodgers in August, didn't need surgery after spending time at Managua's Metropolitan Hospital. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports

Order of Canada for Weir

Mike Weir, left, will become a member of the Order of Canada this morning and is pleased the Governor General's office noted his charitable work in announcing his investiture. The former Masters champion will be one of 35 Canadians to be honoured during the ceremony at Rideau Hall in Ottawa.

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Sports in brief

FORMULA ONE Toyota is pulling out of Formula One racing. The world's largest automaker said yesterday it needs to cut costs and focus on its core business. Toyota follows Honda as the second major Japanese automaker to withdraw from the sport in last 11 months.

RELEASED Disgraced former NBA referee Tim Donaghy was a free man yesterday after serving most of a 15-month sentence in a gambling scandal. A consultant working with Donaghy said he was released from Hernando County Jail in Florida, where he had been held since August after officials said he violated travel restrictions while living at a halfway house in the Tampa area. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Raps slam Pistons

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DETROIT PISTONS AT TORONTO RAPTORS

Chris Bosh had 25 points and Andrea Bargnani added 22 points and 12 rebounds as the Toronto Raptors held off the Detroit Pistons 110-99 yesterday.

Hedo Turkoglu added 16 points and six assists for the Raptors (2-2), who erupted for 44 points in the second quarter, then held off a spirited second-half charge from the Pistons to end a two-game losing streak. It's Toronto's first win over Detroit since an 89-82 home triumph on March 26, 2008.

Ben Gordon had a game-high 30 points for the Pistons (2-3), while ex-Raptors forward Charlie Villanueva added 16 and Will Bynum had 16 off the bench. Rodney Stuckey chipped in with 13 points and 10 rebounds.

After trailing for most of the game, the Pistons came out firing in the fourth quarter, cutting an eight-point deficit to three on a Jason Maxiell dunk with 8:42 remaining.

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Detroit's Will Bynum draws a foul on Toronto's Jarrett Jack while driving the lane last night. Toronto beat Detroit 110-99.

Girardi dissected as Yanks try for Series title No. 27

BASEBALL When Joe Girardi left the dugout every few minutes to switch relievers against the Angels, some wondered whether he was getting paid per pitching change.

When he left slumping Nick Swisher in the lineup, he was criticized. When he put in a pinch runner for Alex Rodriguez, his judgment was questioned. Now, his decision to go with a three-man rotation in the World Series is hotly debated.

In a sport filled with second-guessing, no one is analyzed more than the manager of the New York Yankees. Especially the manager who succeeded Joe Torre.

"Anything involving the Yankees is going to be scrutinized, is going to be looked upon, is going to be dissected," team president Randy Levine said yesterday. "In any position such as that, it takes time to really feel comfortable. And it took Joe very little time."

From his very first day in spring training last year, it was clear Girardi's Yankees would be different from Torre's, the shift not only in generations but in style.

Instead of holding a cup of green tea, Girardi gripped a banana. Instead of a Daily Racing Form on his desk, there was a silver BlackBerry, a black ThinkPad laptop, sunflower seeds and a health drink. His crew cut gave him a no-nonsense appearance, and he kept to a schedule with the precise punctuality of the German train system.

Torre became a beloved figure when he managed the Yankees to four World Series titles from 1996-2000, deflecting criticism with his stories of Bob Gibson and the good ol' days. Even though he failed to win another championship during his final seven seasons, Torre left a huge shadow that Girardi stepped into.

"I think it would have been somewhat difficult for any manager to do," Girardi said when spring training began this year. "It wasn't going to be easy to replace him. I never tried to replace him. I just tried to be myself."

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For a recap of last night's World Series Game 6, visit: metronews.ca/sports

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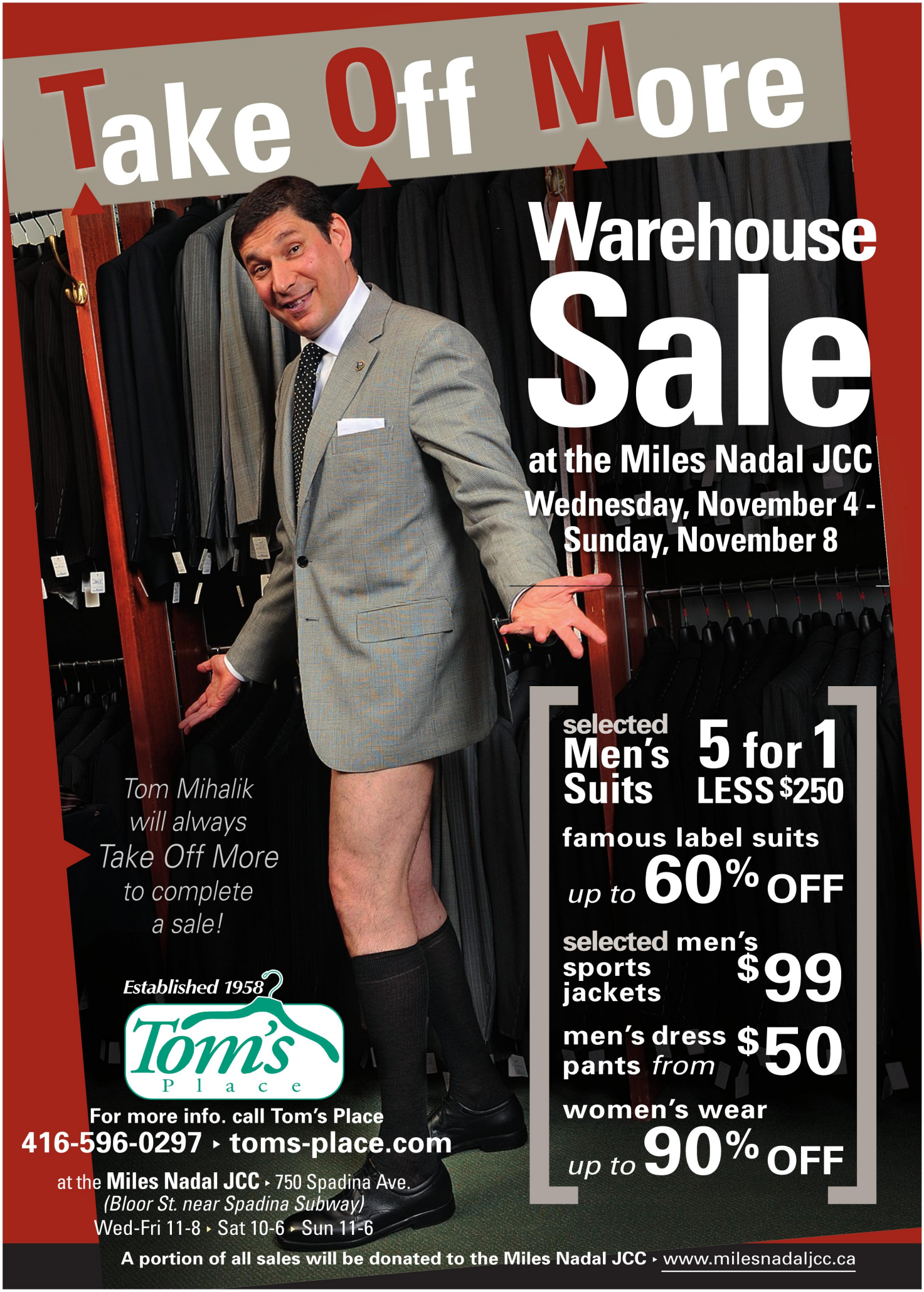

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Westbrook over his concussion

Philadelphia Eagles running back Brian Westbrook says he will be back on the field for Sunday's game against the Dallas Cowboys following a concussion that forced him to miss a game. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Wilson rejigs top line

At some point, the Maple Leafs will stop complaining about running into a hot goalie.

Maybe.

It is remarkable how often the luck or skills of the opposing netminder are praised in the Toronto dressing room following a close loss.

The addition of sniper Phil Kessel will surely mute some of those complaints, but the man suddenly in the spotlight is John Mitchell.

The owner of zero goals this season found himself on the team's top line, centring Kessel and Jason Blake in practice yesterday.

"I like the way his speed matches up," coach Ron Wilson said of the new line. "I'm experimenting right now."

He may as well since the Leafs have managed just 31 goals in 13 games, a rate of 2.38 a game, ranking them 25th in the league. They have only 15 goals 5-on-5, the lowest total in the NHL.

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OHL suspends player for entire season and playoffs after boarding incident

JUNIOR HOCKEY The Ontario Hockey League came down hard on Erie Otters forward Michael Liambas yesterday, suspending him for the entire season after a hit that left his opponent with serious head injuries.

Michael Liambis

Liambas was assessed a match penalty for boarding after his hit on Ben Fanelli of the Kitchener Rangers in a game last Friday.

Fanelli's helmet flew off and he fell unconscious to the ice before he was taken to a local hospital in an ambulance. He was later airlifted to Hamilton General Hospital with skull and facial fractures.

Fanelli's condition has been upgraded from critical to serious, but stable.

"Players must understand they shall be held accountable for their actions," league commissioner David Branch said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sports in brief

H1N1 Alberta Health Services says it has fired a senior staff member over the Calgary Flames swine flu vaccine controversy. The board, which reports directly to the Alberta government, won't name who has been dismissed, but says it was wrong to give the hockey players and their families preferential treatment. Members of the NHL team were given swine flu shots at a special clinic last Friday as thousands of people waited in line for the vaccine or were turned away.

OLYMPICS Team Canada will be unveiled on New Year's Eve. Steve Yzerman's management group has selected Dec. 31 as the day it will announce the 23-man roster for the Olympic men's hockey team. Hockey Canada is still working out details of where the announcement will be made.

SURGERY Detroit Tigers third baseman Brandon Inge has undergone surgery on both knees. The team said yesterday the procedure at the Detroit Medical Center addressed chronic patellar tendinitis that plagued Inge last season. Inge is expected to be ready for the start of spring training in February.

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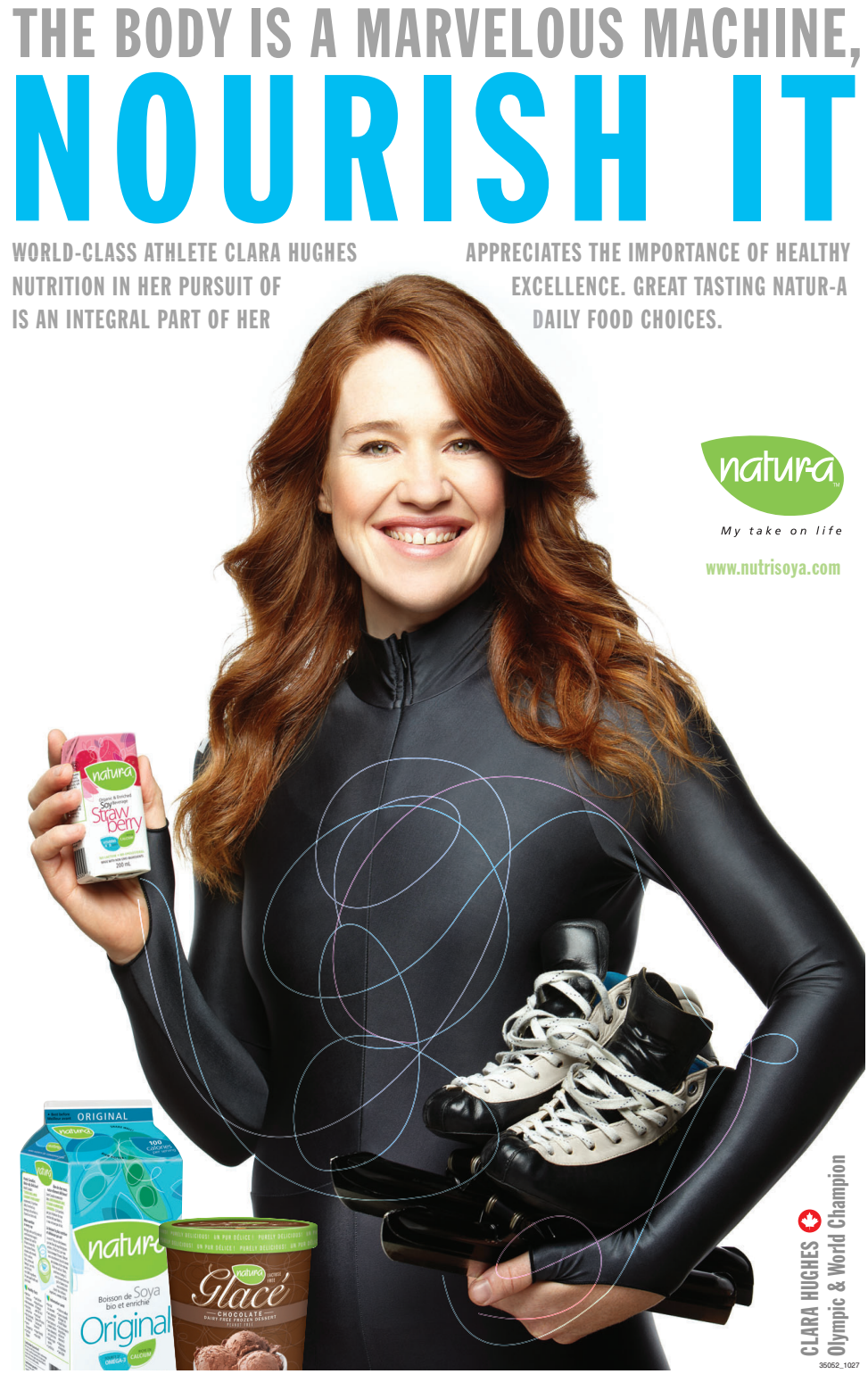

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Beach sand dwindling?

The beaches of The Beach are diminishing as the sand continuously migrates from east to west. Although sand is replaced by new sand generated by the erosion of the Scarborough Bluffs to the east, this source of sand is itself diminished due to municipal efforts to reduce erosion of the bluffs. WIKIPEDIA.ORG

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The Beach

Beautiful in The Beach

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RAFAEL BRUSILOW
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Bustling with life and vigour, The Beach is one of Toronto's most desirable places to eat, visit and live.

The area — bounded by Coxwell Avenue to Victoria Park and from Kingston Road to the lakeshore — is a tight-knit community in constant flux, frequented by tourists drawn to its beautiful beachfront setting and emboldened by residents who couldn't possibly imagine living anywhere else.

Whether you're shopping among the tightly packed independent stores that line Queen Street East through the area's heart, meeting up with scores of other dog lovers in Kew Gardens Park, jogging or cycling on the Boardwalk that hugs the beach shoreline or just looking for that unique house to make your home, it's not uncommon to think that perhaps The Beach's mantra should read: "Spoiled for Choice."

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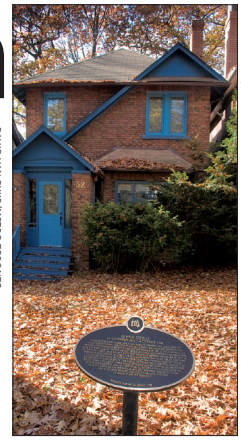
The area's rich history has led to a wealth of architectural landmarks like the Leuty Lifeguard station, the iconic Fire Station 227, the local branch of the Toronto Public Library and the famous R.C. Harris Water Treatment Plant whose unique look has been featured in films like Undercover Brother, Half Baked and In the Mouth of Madness.

Canadian pianist Glenn Gould grew up in the area and his family home still stands at 32 Southwood Dr. and other famous Canadians including Norman Jewison, Keanu Reeves and Donald Sutherland either lived or went to school in the area.

While some controversy over the name ensued for years — many people also recognize "The Beaches" as a suitable moniker — there's no question that this vibrant neighbourhood embodies the spirit of Toronto well as a place where wondrous variety melds with a strong sense of community.



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Above: The childhood home of world-famous pianist Glenn Gould along with a plaque in his honour. Left: The iconic cottage at Kew Gardens Park.

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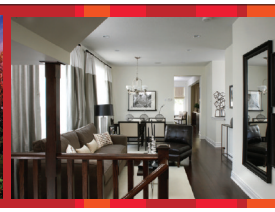

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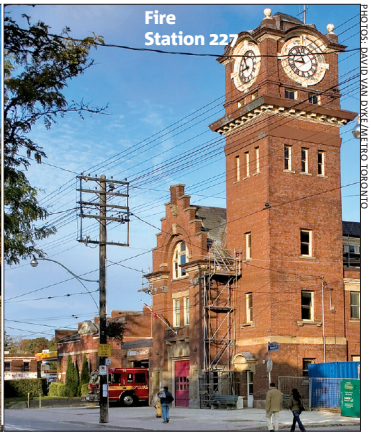
Beach politics
The Beach area is in the political riding of Beaches-East York, and is currently represented provincially by MPP Michael Prue of the New Democratic Party. Historically, the riding has sent only NDP representatives to Queen's Park since 1975. METRO NEWS SERVICES



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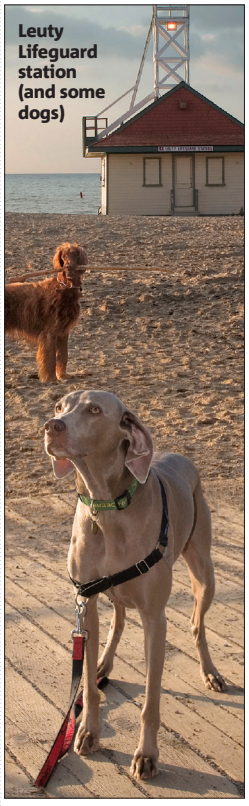
The town tucked into the big city


Leuty Lifeguard station (and some dogs)

The Lowdown:

- **AVERAGE REAL ESTATE VALUE:** $591,054 (City of Toronto, StatsCan)
- **AVERAGE GROSS RENT:** $1032 (City of Toronto, StatsCan)
- **GYMS:** Beaches Fitness (121 Kingston Rd.), FitnessWorks for Women (2171 Queen St. E.), Best Body Bootcamp (2075 Queen St. E.), East City YMCA (907 Kingston Rd.), Curves (1 Hannaford St.)
- **SCHOOLS:** Glen Ames Sr. PS (18 Williamson Rd.), St. Denis Catholic School (67 Balsam Ave.), Kew Beach Jr PS (101 Kippendavie Ave.)
- **SHOPPING:** IGA (2040 Queen St. E.), Organic & Natural Foods (2234 Queen St. E.), Beaches Bake Shop (900 Kingston Rd.), Green Land Produce (2190 Queen St. E.)
- **CONDOMINIUM BUILDINGS:** Modern Beach Lofts (925 Kingston Rd.), North Beach Lofts (601 Kingston Rd.), Academy Lane Lofts (1852 Queen St. E.), Greenhouse Lofts (2012 Queen St. E.)
- **TRANSIT:** Streetcars run East-West along Queen St. E., Kingston Rd. and Gerrard St. E., TTC buses run to the Woodbine, Coxwell and Main Street subway stations. RAFAEL BRUSILOW

Noteworthy

- **1.** Monarch Park Collegiate (School)
- **2.** Earl Haig Jr. PS (School)
- **3.** Bowmore Road Jr & Sr PS (School)
- **4.** Roden Jr. PS (School)
- **5.** Upper Beach Manors (condominium)
- **6.** Malvern Collegiate Inst. (School)
- **7.** Adam Beck Jr PS (School)
- **8.** Glen Stewart Park
- **9.** Glenn Gould's family home, 32 Southwood Drive
- **10.** Balmy Beach Jr. PS (School)
- **11.** Neil McNeil Catholic Secondary School
- **12.** Toronto Hunt Club
- **13.** The iconic R.C. Harris Water Treatment Plant (near Victoria Park and Queen Street East)
- **14.** Fire station 227 (1904 Queen St. E.)
- **15.** The business heart, intersection of Queen and Lee Avenues
- **16.** Toronto Public library, 2161 Queen E.
- **17.** Kew Gardens Park, 2075 Queen E.
- **18.** Leuty Lifeguard Station, bottom of Leuty Ave.
- **19.** Kew Beach (below Kew Gardens)
- **20.** The boardwalk
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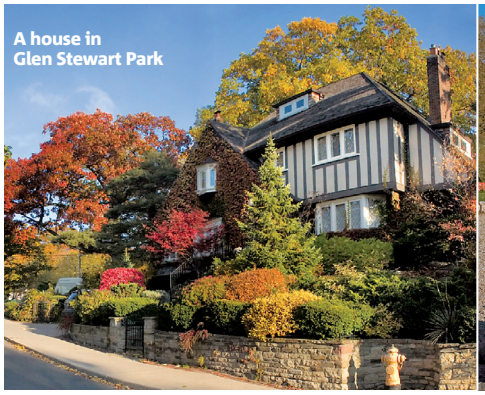
Jazz on The Beach
Every July, the neighbourhood celebrates the Beaches International Jazz Festival. It's a very popular attraction drawing thousands of tourists to the area. METRO NEWS SERVICES


A house in Glen Stewart Park

R.C. Harris Water Treatment Plant

Balmy Beach

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Beaches, parks, shopping and more

HANNAH ZITNER
for Metro Canada

Babies in strollers, dogs on leashes and locals with yoga mats flung over their shoulder sums up The Beach. With four beaches, lush parks, tree-lined streets and great schools, this neighborhood is a huge draw for parents.

The beaches lining the southern edge of the neighborhood (Balmy, Scarboro, Kew and Woodbine) are packed in the summer with tourists and locals trying to escape the city's heat. In the colder months, locals have the sandy strips and boardwalks to themselves (and their pups), while some brave and dedicated surfers even venture into the lake at Ashbridge's Bay to catch the winter waves.

The main commercial strip of Queen Street East is chock-full of restaurants, cafes and shops. Sushi is a staple with two spots ordering their fish daily from Japan, Aki Da and Akane-Ya.

Beach dwellers with an afternoon or evenings off, head to the Gull & Firkin for pub food and a pint on their huge patio.

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Off- beach activities: Film at the Fox Theatre (top), Yoga at Downward Dog, Lunch on various patios, shopping at Babes on the Beach. Restaurants/cafes: Green Eggplant, Beachside Grill (bottom right), Lion on the Beach, The Remarkable Bean (bottom left), Michelle's Beach House, Zane Pâtisserie & Boulangerie.

Sweet tooth? The Beach is for you

• For those with a sweet tooth (or wee ones in need of a treat), this neighbourhood has several staples that will satisfy your sugary needs, from Ed's Real Scoop gelateria (the original location), The Nutty Chocolatier candy shop, Life is Sweet cupcake house and the neighborhood staple, The Pie Shack.

–HANNAH ZITNER/ FOR METRO CANADA

What do you like about The Beach?
-By Rafael Brusilow

Joe Santos
age 34, lives in the area
A: I just like that it's a half hour from anywhere downtown and you still feel like you're in your own world. I love the Mars Diner for a hangover cure.

Laura Kelly
age 30, lives in the area
A: I like that every time I leave my house I can run into 20 people that I know. I like the Wild Earth Bakery for its gluten-free cookies.

Ori Carmona
age 32, lives in the area
A: Living here is like being on a long vacation – there's a small-town feeling here. The Pie Shack specializes in out-of-this-world pies and pastries.

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"Simple changes can put minutes back into every day," says Clare Kumar, a professional organizer and consultant, and owner of Streamlife, an organizing company. "Place your often-used items close and buy products in sizes that are comfortable to use."

As laundry machines are often in a basement, Kumar suggests installing some bright lighting for spotting and treating stains, and painting the room a soothing light colour.

"It's worth making the laundry room a pleasant place to be," says Kumar. "It is a room generally only seen by family so don't be afraid to have some fun."

One hundred dollars from the sale of every Turquoise Sky washing machine and dryer is being donated to Ovarian Cancer Canada. Electrolux, a pair starts at $2699.99, pedestal $299.99 each, electroluxappliances.ca.

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What to do with the omnipresent leaves

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After you've exhausted yourself piling up multi-coloured fall leaves and leaping into them, and doing it again for your kids and the neighbour's kids, and so on, you might as well finish the job you started.

Raking leaves and gathering them for useful purposes is as old as the hills. These days, many cities pick them up to use for municipal leaf composting programs.

But you can reap the benefits directly by using your leaves as mulch or as compost in your garden — it's free and you don't have to go far to get it.

Leaf mulch is like gold if you're a gardener. It is made up of leaves that are not yet decomposed, and acts as a barrier to prevent erosion, freezing and windburn in the winter, and retain moisture and keep the soil cool in the summer.

But don't think that thick layer of leaves lying on your lawn will miraculously do the job. One big problem with leaving a layer of leaves on the grass or perennial bed, is that the layer can become impenetrable once it gets wet and matted, killing whatever is underneath.

So if you want mulch, shred the leaves — this way they won't matt. Do this by raking them into a pile and buzzing through them a few times with a lawnmower. Or, you may shred them in a garbage can with an electric lawn trimmer, or a chipper/shredder does the job as well.

It's best to wait until the ground freezes to apply mulch, since applying it earlier can provide nesting materials for rodents intent on building a cozy burrow. But don't wait for the deep freeze either, since frost and extreme cold can damage plants.

When the time is right, pile six inches of mulch on the vegetable and flower beds, and protect sensitive plants, such as roses or rhododendrons. Arrange it in a doughnut shape around trees and shrubs to protect roots (avoid piling it against bark, as it can be damaged by wet mulch).

"It's best to wait until the ground freezes to apply mulch, since applying it earlier can provide nesting materials for rodents."

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The kitchen lowdown on the Residences at The Ritz-Carlton
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Suite Talk

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Distinction and class resound mightily at The Residences at The Ritz-Carlton.

No detail has been left out in the spectacular condominium residences atop the swanky Ritz-Carlton Toronto yet despite the upscale pedigree the model suite stays resolutely youthful, inviting and current.

"The interior isn't stodgy, it's fresh, new and it's an eclectic mix of things. It's not an intimidating space — it still feels warm and comfortable," said Alessandro Munge, managing partner at design house Munge Leung, which designed the model suite and presentation centre.

The main living areas are outfitted with darker, more prominent colours like dark burgundies, accented with lighter tones of silver, crème and grey to create a more distinctive, masculine feel with feminine overtones for a truly metropolitan look.

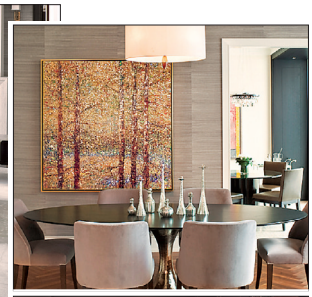
"We went with deeper tones, more masculine but balanced off with little feminine touches. It feels very sophisticated, very New York," Munge said.

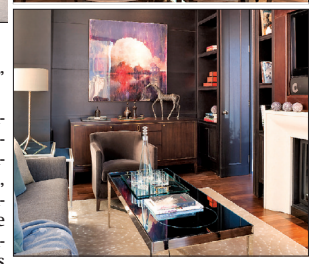
Munge used layered textures of materials throughout the suite to create a vibrant palette of tone-on-tone variation that creates an intense, elegant look, especially in the living and dining areas.

"We are using multiple layers of materials and fabrics but it feels very simple because it's a real tonal mix of colours rather than contrasting ones," Munge said.

The master bedroom features custom-designed upholstery and a beautiful, wall-unit-sized headboard while the large ensuite bathroom space features an enclosed shower and an enclosed toilet and bidet compartment with marble, glass and mirror accents throughout.

"We strive for a level of comfort and not intimidation. We want people to understand the quality they're buying."





Photos from a suite at The Residences at The Ritz-Carlton.

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- Builders: Cadillac Fairview Corp., The Ritz-Carlton Company, L.L.C. and Graywood Developments. Website: theresidencestoronto.com. Availability: Now. Sizes & prices: suites range from 1,400 to 6,000 square feet and are priced from $1.5 million to more than $9 million.

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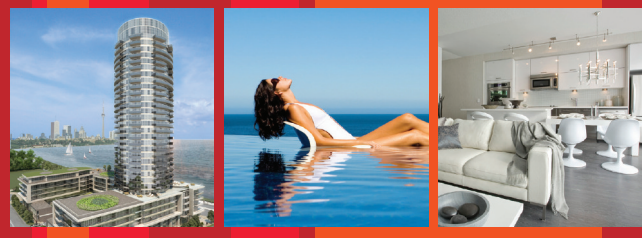

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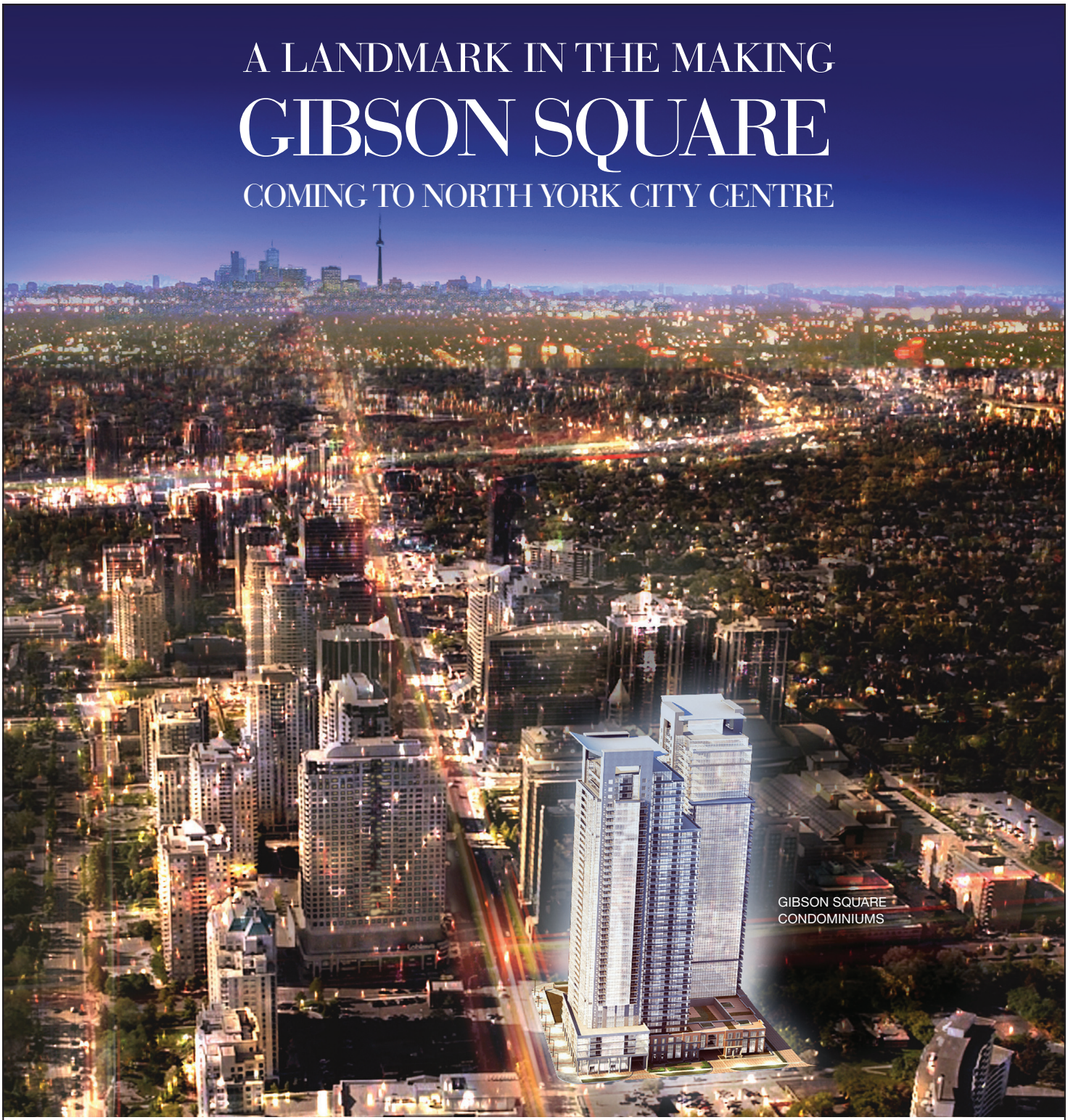

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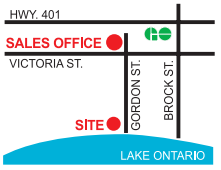

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Don't let the condos con you

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Take this from someone who has spent more than his fair share of time evaluating and comparing the many new condo developments sprouting up all over GTA.

From a price perspective, at any given time, one particular site in a given area will stand out from the rest, a few will be needlessly over-priced, and the rest will find themselves bunched in the middle. The one that yields more bang for your buck is going through the final sell-offs of their current phase, enabling their standout pricing, and is the one you want to consider first if the building suits your needs. The key is finding that site.

Your needs must be in order before your search even begins. Location, budget, necessary amenities should all be determined beforehand. Why waste your time and mental energy on a site that will not suit your primary needs? Once you know what you're looking for, the Internet is a good place to start searching for the builder that can provide the best value. Alternatively, you can hire a realtor to help you with your search. A well experienced realtor in the condominium market can help eliminate much of the headwork and provide you with the answers you want, or help you find that unique site.

Before you start crunching commission numbers, ask your friends to recommend a good realtor. Even some of the top agents will not charge a commission to the buyer, being satisfied with the commission from the builder, when the buyer is the referral of a previous client.

When considering your needs and conducting your research, remember that posted prices are for the lowest floors available. Normally prices increase $500-$1000 per floor. Sometimes, the price can jump $10,000 from one specific floor to the next due to, for example, a view that is no longer restricted by an adjacent, shorter building. Suite upgrades, appliance quality, condominium amenities, should be noted when comparing sites so that when you're going over your research, the stud among the duds becomes evident. You'll find in most cases the amenities, suite upgrades and other perks even out, a product of today's highly competitive condo market.

There are three questions you want to ask, and in this order, when you first enter a site. First, what suites are available in the "X" square footage range? If there is nothing in the size you want, ask if a future phase will be released, and when.

Second, determine the anticipated closing. If the closing does not suit your needs, move on.

Third, determine what floor your desired suite is available on and for how much.

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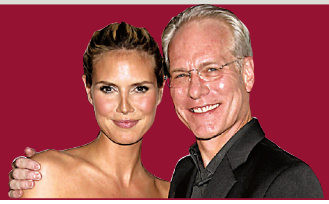

Wii heads to the runway

Project Runway is strutting to Nintendo's Wii. Atari Inc. is developing a video game based on the popular reality TV fashion show. The game, set for release next year, will cast players as aspiring fashion gurus tasked with creating designs and outfitting models. Gamers will then be able to showcase their virtual fashions while walking down a catwalk using the Wii balance board. Project Runway, which formerly aired on Bravo in Canada, is in its sixth season on U.S. cable's Lifetime. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Elegance rules the runway

Vancouver Fashion Week kicks off with strapless, long-flowing gowns

LINA TOYODA
For Metro Canada

Vancouver Fashion Week kicked off Tuesday night, and the runway flowed with eveningwear and empress gowns as the Italian Chamber of Commerce hosted opening night at the Westin Bayshore.

Showcasing Italy's emerging designers were Il Karato's jewellery collection, Elena Vera Stella's eveningwear and Giusari White Revolution's wedding gowns and denim line.

Strapless and long-flowing gowns ruled the show, from princess silhouettes to layered chiffon and shimmering accents of silver and gold. Contrasting textures like lace and faux fur, cinched waists and jewel-encrusted bustiers were seen in the Elena Vera Stella and White Revolution collections.

"We have a number of established designers presenting this year," says Jamal Abdourahman, the producer of Vancouver Fashion Week. "International designers from emerging to established are showing this season and it will be a diverse group of designers."

Each evening will be themed and the line-up this season includes eco-friendly, contemporary, aboriginal and street wear. Tonight will feature a show with all South Asian models and Friday has a segment called Night in Taipei, with the debut of Taiwanese-born, Vancouver-raised Angela Chen's highly anticipated Orange label collection.

DAN PAPISH PHOTO

Angela Chen's highly anticipated Orange collection (above) — all based on black and white colours — will debut on Friday.

"For this season, my whole collection is based on black and white," says Chen. "It's my black and white group. It's a very clean-cut collection. It's all about silhouette, the flowiness of the fabric — the shape of the fabric."

"I went to the fabric store and I saw the black-and-white striped fabric and I just loved it, and I basically designed my line around it. It's just really me. The whole collection is really what I would wear."

Having spent many years in the cities of Vancouver, New York and Taiwan, Chen says all three places have an influence on her understated designs.

The show will feature 13 outfits — her first complete collection.

"My aesthetic is minimalism with a little bit of a feminine touch to it," she says. "I think my clothing is very Zen. The subtle details, the shapes — everything is just really quiet."

She says women these days take good care of themselves, allowing them to have a range of fashion choices. She says her contemporary designs are simply, for modern women.

"It's for all women who feel comfortable and confident wearing them."

Paul Hardy

- Acclaimed Canadian designer Paul Hardy will be showing his spring/summer 2010 collection on Saturday, inspired by the juxtaposition of the masculine and feminine. Layered, draping and unshapely silhouettes are paired with sharply tailored garments this season.

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Left: A model wears a wedding gown by Italian designer Giuseppe Sarubbo at the inaugural event of Vancouver Fashion Week. Far left: A model wears a gown by Italian designer Elena Vera Stella.

Lauren debuts Olympics outfits

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As for colour, black's a basic and often-chic choice, but a vibrant hue makes the long drab days of winter shine a little brighter.

Down puffers will keep you warmest, and while big-city slickers might do fine with a short jacket through winter, longer cuts will keep you cozier in a deep freeze. Either way, you may still want to stock up on your thermal-underwear tights — narrow straight-leg or skinny pants look best with puffy toppers.

Now rephrase that question: "Hey, does this puffy coat make me look hot?"

Smart Set puffer jacket, $75, currently on sale for $52.50.

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Martin, Baldwin Oscar hosts

Steve Martin and Alec Baldwin are taking on the Oscars. The two Hollywood veterans will share hosting duties at the 82nd Academy Awards, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences said Tuesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Entertainment

Tweet things

Dolly Parton, left, and Jessica Simpson tweeted about large breasts. Parton: "Aahhh chiropractor... Hurts so good :-) you lug these around and see if your back don't hurt!" Simpson's reply: "Amen sister." METRO WORLD NEWS

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It's all in the family for Broncos writers

Napoleon Dynamite creators back

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Married writing partners Jared and Jerusha Hess have a nifty system down for when they're working on a script: When a new scene works really well, they celebrate with a make-out session. Of course, deciding when they've earned one isn't always easy.

"Every time something good is written, he's like, 'Hey baby,'" Jerusha says. Jared counters, "But she's like, 'That was not good enough."

After their breakout debut, Napoleon Dynamite, the Hesses hit Hollywood, teaming with Jack Black for Nacho Libre. Their latest film, Gentlemen Broncos, brings them back to their native Utah — where they filmed Napoleon — and the type of oddball characters that made them famous.

This time around it's Benjamin (Michael Angarano), a mild-mannered science fiction buff who has his first novel stolen by his idol, pompous sci-fi novelist Ronald Chevalier (Jemaine Clement).

Sure, but what about that title?

"My mom had this really weird parenting book when I was growing up called, like, So You Want to Raise a Boy, written in the '50s," Jared explains. "There's a chapter that talks about the age from 16 to 17, and they often refer to it as the 'gentleman bronco' phase of life, where teenage boys like to take their shirts off and mow the lawn."

"I can't predict what she's going to say. But I think she can predict just about every single dumb idea that I bring to the table."
Jared Hess about writing partner Jerusha

Michael Angarano and Jennifer Coolidge star in Gentlemen Broncos.

Gentlemen Broncos hits theatres tomorrow

Benjamin was easy to connect with, Jared admits.

"A lot of the things that happen to Benjamin in the film happened to me," he says. "Well, except the plagiarism." But Benjamin's love of sci-fi wasn't hard to channel.

"I'm a big sci-fi fan," Jared says. "I actually really wanted to be a special effects dude working for Industrial Light and Magic or something. A lot of my first movies were really lame."

Working with a spouse has its advantages, of course — and its drawbacks. "I can't predict what she's going to say," Jared explains. "But I think she can predict just about every single dumb idea that I bring to the table."

For Jerusha, it feels natural to step back after the script stage and let Jared take over as director. "I'm so fine with him being the director," she says.

"I love having my little stamp on it at the beginning, but he's such a great director. I trust him completely" But that doesn't mean she won't have suggestions during production." I'm not even on set the whole time," she explains.

"But when I am I often whisper in his ear."

"When I'm about to do something real dumb," Jared finishes for her.

Gosselin walks out of interview
Jon Gosselin walked out of an Entertainment Tonight interview with Hailey Glassman last night after she brought his kids into the discussion. **POPEATER.COM**

The high cost of big concerts

Secondary ticket market offers fans the best seats for top dollar

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

You don't want to get on The Boss' bad side.

Ticketmaster had to learn that the hard way when, last February, it was widely reported that the ticket seller sent fans seeking regular priced tickets to Bruce Springsteen concerts to the website TicketsNow.com, where entry to the show costs up to hundreds of dollars more than face value.

Ticketmaster, which owns TicketsNow, said it was an accident, a computer glitch directed fans to its secondary ticket site, but the damage was done. Springsteen was angry: "They did this even when other seats remained available at face value. We condemn this practice," he said in a statement.

Not only did this debacle hurt Ticketmaster's reputation, but it left a black mark on the secondary ticket market — a $2 billion business that has been thriving for decades.

Until now, the market was driven mostly by scalpers and brokers. The Internet, though, has helped legitimize the industry by making it much easier for people to offer tickets to fans at prices above face value. While some people decry this practice as being unfair, others say the ticket industry is just like any other; people want to sell to the highest bidder.

"If 50,000 people want to go see Miley Cyrus and they're all willing to spend $100 then why not?" says Sucharita Mulpuru an analyst with Forrester Research. "That's the way the world works."

Michael Hershfield, a Toronto-based entrepreneur who ran the now defunct secondary ticket site LiveStub, agrees that there's nothing wrong with people paying more for in-demand tickets. It's how these tickets wind up on the market, however, that troubles him.

"The market isn't transparent, so there's more opportunity for abuse," he says.

"Why would Ticketmaster sell their best tickets for face value? They could get $1,000 for a $100 ticket. So they split the pie with everyone who's part of the bottom line, that's the backdrop of this whole story."

Hershfield says artists are also holding back the best seats for resale, so they can have a bigger payday. And, despite how it looks, it's hard to argue that they're doing something devious. These days artists make most of their income off concert tickets, so the old model of keeping prices low may be out of date.

That's at least what Mulpuru thinks. She says the secondary ticket market is on its last legs — tickets will soon become more expensive from the get go.

"You'll start seeing pricing that converges more to market value, so there will be less of an opportunity to resell those tickets," she says.

Peas case held over until Nov. 17

COURTS The assault case involving the manager of the Black Eyed Peas and celebrity blogger Perez Hilton has been put over until Tuesday, Nov. 17.

Liborio (Polo) Molina faces an assault charge for allegedly striking Hilton outside a Toronto nightclub on June 22. The allegations have not been proven in court. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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La Toya Jackson scene added to DVD release

A scene with La Toya Jackson is being edited back into Sacha Baron Cohen's documentary Brüno when it is released on DVD on Nov. 17. The scene was removed after Michael Jackson's death. **USMAGAZINE.COM**

Underwood tugs at heartstrings

Carrie Underwood

Album: Play On
Label: Arista/Sony
Rating: ●●●½

THE AMERICAN IDOL winner's third disc boasts a stunning array of songwriters and producers with all the attention going to Mike Elizondo on opening tracks Cowboy Casanova and Max Martin on Quitter. These are the brain-trust hits designed to further elevate Carrie Underwood to the kind of cross-over pop stardom not seen in Nashville since Shania Twain. The strength of this album is found in songs that pull at the heartstrings. Kara DioGuardi's Mama's Song, is a track that should leave Underwood's boy — Ottawa Senator Mike Fisher — melting into a puddle by the side of the rink. But the track here that shows why she is deserving of the 'most successful Idol ever' title is one that has the unmistakable stamp of Gordie Sampson, the Canadian songsmith who wrote her first hit Jesus Take the Wheel. Someday When I Stop Loving You puts aside all the techno gimmicks, and serves up a magnificent vocal performance set to a melody and lyrics that cannot fail.

Graham Rockingham /for Metro Canada

Julian Casablancas

Album: Phrazes for the Young
Label: RCA/Sony
Rating: ●●½

THE FRONTMAN FOR the Strokes chooses to adorn his debut solo album with cheesy synthesizer licks strung over fast-paced guitar strumming and his droning vocals. It's kind of fun on the first track, Out of the Blue, especially in combination with Casablanca's self-slagging, "p— on my casket" lyrics. But by the third track, 11th Dimension, it degenerates into a low-grade parody of Human League, partly likable but mostly loathsome. Halfway through the record, Casablancas takes an interesting rootsy turn with gospel-tinged redemption song called 4 Chords of the Apocalypse and the country-flavoured Ludlow St., an ode to his own drunkeness. OK, guys, you've now got it all out of your systems. It's time for another Strokes record.

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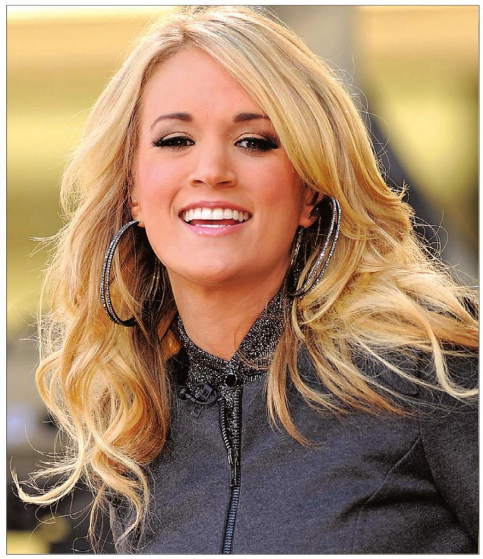

American Idol winner Carrie Underwood has a new album, Play On.

Slayer

Album: World Painted Blood
Label: Sony
Rating: ●●●

SLAYER'S BEST QUALITY isn't its speed or over-the-top of lyrics, it's that the band members have been more or less consistent purveyors of aggressive metal since they formed in 1983. Their latest will sound familiar — wildly rapid guitars, a lyrical onslaught that's filled with violent imagery — it's not much different from many past releases. But, that's why people still flock to Slayer. Fans love the murder, anarchy and anti-religion messages, they want more of the speedy drums and crunchy riffs and these days, Slayer is one of the only name metal bands playing this type of music.

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Devendra Banhart

Album: What Will We Be
Label: Warner
Rating: ●●●

DEVENDRA BANHART, WITH his Russell Brand-like hairdo, has always been quirky and his latest — and major label debut — stays on the offbeat course. On What Will We Be the musician's created an eclectic album of soft finger-picking folk tunes (Angelika), louder indie rock (16th and Valencia), blues grooves (Baby) and even Michael Buble-like pop jazz (Chin Chin & Muck Muck). It's been recorded with a full band, but it's still as intimate as if he made this alone. It's not a masterpiece, but infectious melodies and warm sounds make it an engaging listen.

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Weezer

Album: Raditude
Label: Interscope/Universal
Rating: ●●½

LET'S GET THIS STRAIGHT: Weezer isn't the same band its was in 1994. Comparing the group to Blue Album-era Weezer is pointless. They were new, fresh and creative back then. Today's Weezer is so cheesy, the band wouldn't be out of place on a bill with Simple Plan. It's hard for old fans to stomach, but the tunes, including the ones off this disc, are all incredibly infectious, polished and radio ready. It might be perfect for current followers, but it's not so great for the 30-somethings who grew up with this band.

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Kidman talks about exploring her inner freak
In the latest issue of British GQ, Nicole Kidman opens up to the magazine about the varying degrees of her sex life, The Daily Mail reports. "I've explored strange sexual fetish stuff," she reveals. PEOPLE.COM

More than just rock, partying and liquor

Perry says fans will be educated by MTV awards show

For Katy Perry, learning can be fun.

The singer, hosting MTV's European Music Awards for an second consecutive year, said that today's show is a chance to combine performances by artists like U2, Foo Fighters and Leona Lewis with a remembrance of the 20th anniversary of the Nov. 9 fall of the Berlin Wall.

"As much as it has to be funny, you also want to help educate my generation or the generation after me that might not know the importance of the unity of the Berlin Wall when coming down — how it really affected people's lives," the 25-year-old Perry told The Associated Press yesterday.

MTV's European Music Awards airs tonight

"It can't always be rock and roll and partying and liquor," Perry said. "You have to have a little meat on the bones."

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Katy Perry poses at the press conference for the 2009 MTV European Music Awards in Berlin. The singer is hosting the show.

That's not to say music fans and party connoisseurs won't go away with more than just a history lesson.

Irish rockers U2 will play a special 20-minute set in front of the Brandenburg Gate — which lies on the line that formerly divided East and West Berlin — that will be beamed to the 02 World Arena where the award show is being held.

The EMAs feature 13 award categories. This year's nominees include Jay-Z, Kings of Leon, British singer Pixie Lott and the German band Tokio Hotel.

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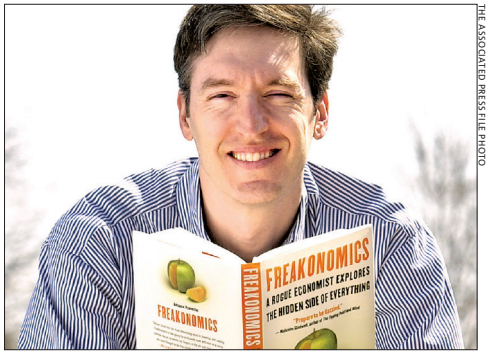
Boyzone too sad for tour

Boyzone may be too distraught over Stephen Gately's death to tour. The group confirmed they are using vocals recorded by Stephen before his death last month, but said their grief may prevent them from taking the new material on tour. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK



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University of Chicago economics professor Stephen D. Levitt has co-authored SuperFreakonomics.

Fun with economics

In their 2005 book Freakonomics, economist Steven D. Levitt and journalist Stephen J. Dubner used dozens of interesting anecdotes to prove a simple point: "People respond to incentives."

The authors apparently are no exception. After the book sold more than four million copies, the pair doubtless realized how lucrative a follow-up book would be.

So they followed the same model for SuperFreakonomics: Global Cooling, Patriotic Prostitutes, and Why Suicide Bombers Should Buy Life Insurance. It works just as well the second time around.

Their strategy is simple — crunch numbers about mundane topics to reveal interesting, unexpected conclusions. That's how we get answers to questions we never thought to ask.

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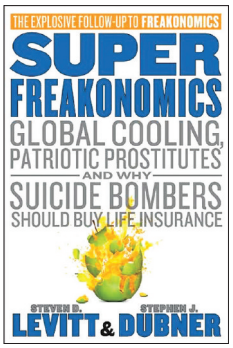
It turns out, for example, that prostitutes tend to make more money when they have pimps. Muslim women who observe the one-month fast of Ramadan early in their pregnancy are more likely to have children with certain cognitive disabilities. Some people who are rushed to emergency rooms might have been better off if they just stayed home.

The topics are often random and mashed together in a series of tangentially related vignettes. But the writing is deft and seamless enough to keep SuperFreakonomics entertaining.

For the most part, the authors come across as folks who would make for great conversation at a cocktail party. But that changes in a later chapter when they discuss the environment.

They interview a group of scientists who propose radical solutions to extreme weather — floating pontoons to drive warm ocean water down to inhibit the formation of hurricanes, and a giant "garden hose to the sky" to pump sulphur dioxide into the stratosphere to replicate the global-cooling effect of volcanic eruptions. Here the authors seem to abandon the relative impartiality of their previous chapters.



SuperFreakonomics isn't necessarily super or freaky, but it does make economic analysis a little less dismal.

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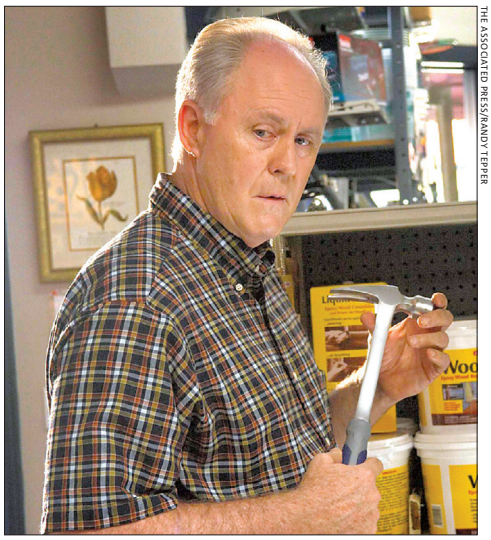
The Berenstain Bears are back
The Berenstain Bears are headed to the big screen in a live-action version of the beloved book series. The L.A.-based Walden Media, behind such children's films as the Chronicles of Narnia series and Charlotte's Web, says it's acquiring the film rights. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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In this image released by Showtime, John Lithgow portrays Arthur Mitchell in a scene from the Showtime original series, Dexter.

Life as a serial killer

John Lithgow was going to pass on the chance to play serial killer vs. serial killer on Dexter, with an Italian vacation, cruise and his son's wedding awaiting him.

He made it to the ceremony but postponed the trip, and he credits his very understanding wife of 28 years, university professor Mary Yeager Lithgow, with pushing him into the plum job.

"She's the one who said, 'No, you've got to take the role," he recalled.

Lithgow guest stars as Arthur Mitchell, the so-called Trinity Killer whose victims come in threes and who both repels and attracts Michael C. Hall's Dexter Morgan in the Showtime drama.

Catch the next episode of Dexter this Sunday

Mitchell fits the profile of those that forensics expert Dexter has judged deserve to die, but he's also a singular role model. Tempted to learn how the Trinity Killer has evaded capture, Dexter begins to make mistakes as he deviates from his protective "code," leading to a plot twist in Sunday's episode, Slack Tide.

Lithgow, who has a nearly courtly manner and is deemed a sweetheart by colleagues, enjoys bringing the death-obsessed Mitchell to life.

"This man is very two-faced, like Dexter. A serial killer by definition is a man who presents himself in a very different way to the world," Lithgow said. "So it's an actor's field day figuring out what you reveal and what you don't."

It's difficult to push such a portrayal too far given the behaviour of real-life murderers, he said.

"Every one of these stories that suddenly springs up in the news, you read it and think, 'My God, how could this possibly happen? How could a human being behave this way?' — which in a way is really liberating," Lithgow said. "You can't outdo the truth."

While 3rd Rock from the Sun viewers fondly remember Lithgow as the egotistical, foolish alien leader passing as an Earthling, he's played more than his share of bad guys in movies.

The actor helpfully ticks off some of the titles, including Blow Out and Obsession for Brian De Palma, and Cliffhanger, in which Lithgow adopted a British accent and particularly chilling demeanour.

Lithgow's last TV series was the short-lived comedy 20 Good Years, about two men trying to make the most of the time left them, a venture Lithgow called "very sweet and disappointing, of course, as any failed series is."

"I had a fabulous time with (co-star) Jeffrey Tambor, one of my favourite character actors. But it was a show for middle-aged old folks in a young world, so it made us feel kind of autumnal and melancholy," he said.

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Entertainment in brief

HISTORY IN FILM Actor Tom Hanks says viewers are in for a realistic "wartime experience" when the new film he produced, Beyond All Boundaries, opens at the National World War II Museum in New Orleans Friday. The film will be shown exclusively at the museum's new Victory Theater, which includes "4-D" elements such as props, simulated winds and shaking seats. Images from Pearl Harbor to the wintry Battle of the Bulge — the final major German offensive against the Allies — are shown on a 36-metre-wide screen. The film incorporates vintage film footage, animation and sensory effects so audiences can feel the rumbling of tank treads and booming of anti-aircraft fire. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Generation Gap

McCartney unveils children's collection this week

FASHION It's never too early to give them a taste of designer duds. At least that's what the folks at GapKids and babyGap are counting on with the special collection designed by Stella McCartney debuting this week.

No stranger to the designer collaboration game, McCartney did a sold-out collection for H&M a few years ago. She also works with Adidas on a line that marries the elements of chic and sport.

But this collection for GapKids marks the first time the designer has turned her talents to the junior league. It features designs for boys and girls, in sizes from infants to 12 years old, with prices ranging from $32 to $128.

"It's a reflection of my brand — there are pieces that are classic and very sort of timeless and hopefully very chic and then there are pieces that are the kind you chuck in the washing machine and they get better with time," McCartney said in a news release.

Junior fashionistas might recognize scaled-down versions from McCartney's fall 2009 runway collection, such as the intarsia leopard motif sweater and her oversized cable-knit cardigans.

As well as functional and practical pieces such as pea coats and hooded fisherman macs, there are also fun aspects to some of the designs.

Boys will relate to the graphic tees that are sold with multi-coloured markers so they can colour in the designs to their liking. For girls, charming pieces include tulle tutus and ruffled smock dresses.

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Stella McCartney for GapKids: Yellow mac, $48, knit hat, $34, knit sweatshirt, $58, cashmere leggings, $52, and duck boots, $68.

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Jude Law's Hamlet a success

Jude Law and his cast mates in Broadway's production of Hamlet have no reason to be melancholy: They are an official hit. Producers of the Shakespeare classic, now playing at the Broadhurst Theatre, said they've recouped the show's $2.5 million US costs in less than three months. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Festival
Through Saturday, Gladstone Hotel, 1214 Queen St. W., and Wychwood Barns, 601 Christie St.

The Soundplay Festival continues with performances, workshops, and screenings. soundplay.ca.

Films
Through Sunday

The International Diaspora Film Festival, features works by filmmakers living and working outside their countries of origin. diasporafilmfest.com

Comedy
Comedy Bar, 945 Bloor St. W.

It's a Don't You Forget About Patrick Swayze tribute night, with improvised takes on three Swayze films. comedybar.ca.

Music
The Garrison, 1197 Dundas St. W.

Waterloo husband-and-wife duo Cursed Arrows perform tonight.

Musicals
Toronto Centre for the Arts, 5040 Yonge. St.

With its run extended again, Jersey Boys is the musical to see. dancaptick ets.com.

BTO in court over band name rights

ROCK MUSIC The people who own the rights to the 1970s rock group name Bachman-Turner Overdrive are attempting to take care of business with a lawsuit against front man Randy Bachman and Fred Turner.

The B.C. Supreme Court lawsuit was launched by two other members of BTO, Bachman's brother Robin and Blair Thornton.

The pair claim Randy Bachman and Turner signed away their rights to the name Bachman-Turner Overdrive, BTO and any similar names in three separate agreements.

The lawsuit claims Randy Bachman's company trademarked the name Bachman-Turner and Bachman-Turner Union in both Canada and the United States earlier this year and that could be confused with the BTO name.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Fox cooks up new show with chef Ramsay

FOOD Celebrity chef Gordon Ramsay has some new people to yell at.

The verbally abusive star of Fox's Hell's Kitchen has signed a deal with Fox for a second show. Tentatively called Masterchef, it will feature Ramsay trying to turn people who have no experience in the food industry into expert cooks. Fox did not immediately say when the new show will go on the air.

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Kenya's Style

Kenya Hunt

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TO	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime 11/5/09	265	353	2	TVO	Super Structures		The Agenda With Steve Paikin		The Jury (Part 6 of 6) (N)		Masterworks "The Universe of Keith Haring"	
	211	331	3	GTV	ET	Entertainment	Survivor: Samoa (N)		The Office (N)	The Office	90210 (HDTV) (N)		News Final
	215	343	4	OMN1	Two/Half Men	The Simpsons	Omni News: Italian Edition (N)		Vivere V	Omni News:	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Metropia
	210	302	6	CBC	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Doc Zone (N)		The Border (N)		CBC News: The National		The Hour
	214	344	7	CITY	Law & Order: SVU		Community (N)	Parks-Recreat	30 Rock	30 Rock	The Jay Leno Show (N)		News
	212	313	8	CTV	The Vampire Diaries (N)		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		Grey's Anatomy (N)		The Mentalist (HDTV) (N)		CTV News
	218	345	11	CHCH	*The Secret Garden* ★★★ (1993, Drama) Kate Maberly.				*Risky Business* ★★★ (1983, Comedy) Tom Cruise.				News at 11 (N)
	137	763	13	TFO	Panorama		Météo	Volt "Musique"	*La Ruée vers l'or* (1925)		Chaplin	Jour de paye	Expédition
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	213	326	15	SUN	The Insider (N)	George Lopez	Funniest Pets	Funniest Pets	Supernatural (HDTV) (N)		The Insider	Hitchcock Pres	Becker
	-	387	16	CBS	Inside Edition	Hollywood	Survivor: Samoa (N)		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		The Mentalist (HDTV) (N)		News 4 at 11
	-	385	17	NBC	The Insider (N)	Entertainment	Community (N)	Parks-Recreat	The Office (N)	30 Rock	The Jay Leno Show (N)		News
	-	386	18	ABC	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	FlashForward "The Gift" (N)		Grey's Anatomy (N)		(10:01) Private Practice (N)		News
	219	346	20	ACH-B	TMZ (N)	Hollywood	FlashForward "The Gift" (N)		Fringe		(10:01) Private Practice (N)		A News
	-	-	28	FOX	Judge Judy (N)	MLB Baseball World Series, Game 7 -- Philadelphia Phillies at New York Yankees.						Two/Half Men	The Simpsons
	-	388	61	PBS	News-Lehrer	My Hero	Doc Martin "In Loco"		Monarchy With David Starkey		MI-5 Terrorist attack.		Business Rpt.
	297	652	330	WPX	Two/Half Men	Family Guy	The Vampire Diaries (N)		Supernatural (HDTV) (N)		PIX News at Ten Tong.		Two/Half Men
	296	654	331	SBK	The Insider (N)	Entertainment	Law & Order: SVU		WBZ News	Frasier	The Office	Name Is Earl	Frasier
	298	653	332	TLA	The Tyra Show (N)		According-Jim	Family Guy	KTLA News	KTLA News	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Vamp. Diaries
news	502	390	26	NW	Connect Today's biggest stories. (N)				CBC News: The National		The Nature of Things		National
	500	500	33	CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV)		
	509	504	79	CNB	Kudlow Report		Cruise Inc.: Big Money		Inside American Airlines: A Week in the Life				Mad Money
sports	405	417	22	net	MLB Pregame	MLB Baseball World Series, Game 7: Philadelphia Phillies at New York Yankees. (Live)							
	400	400	30	TSN	NHL Hockey Montreal Canadiens at Boston Bruins. (HDTV) (Live)					SportsCentre		That's Hockey!	SportsCentre
	411	457	58	OLN	Ghost Hunters		Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Survivorman		Ghost Hunters		Bounty Hunter
	417	406	81	SC	Pass Time	NASCAR Hub	Pinks -- All Out (HDTV)		Jacked!	Jacked!	Wrecked	Wrecked	Pass Time
family	551	542	25	YTV	Drake & Josh	To Be Indie	Malcolm-Mid.	Hates Chris	8 Simple Rules	What I Like	Family Biz	Prank Patrol	Adrenaline Proj
	554	544	45	TEL	Stoked	Total Drama	Majority Rules	Majority Rules	Futurama	King of the Hill	*Mars Attacks!* ★★ (1996, Comedy)		
	556	540	51	FAM	Sonny Chance	Zack & Cody	Overruled! (N)	Han. Montana	Wizards-Place	Latest Buzz	Ned's School	Cory in House	That's-Raven
cable variety	602	567	27	W	Old Christine	Friends	Friends	Grocery Bag	Confidential	Confidential	Divine Design	Divine Design	Don't Move
	570	580	29	MM	2009 MTV Europe Music Awards (N)				So You Think You Can Dance Canada				Music Awards
	615	520	31	A&E	Criminal Minds (HDTV)		The First 48 (HDTV)		The First 48 (HDTV)		The First 48		Crime 360
	700	800	35	TLN	Centrovetrine	Sky TG 24	Latin Grammy 2009 (En Vivo)						George Lopez
	571	581	36	MMM	The Daily Fix		Ranked!		Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Freddie Mercury: Magic		The Daily Fix
	575	583	38	CMT	Funniest Home Videos		Reba	Reba	According-Jim	According-Jim	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	Unstable (N)
	616	521	39	SHO	The Outer Limits		Da Vinci's City Hall		The Best Years (DVS)		Saving Grace (HDTV) (N)		NCIS
	620	523	40	BVO	Storytellers	PhotoXplorers	*Snow Cake* ★★ (2006, Drama) Alan Rickman, Carrie-Anne Moss.					PhotoXplorers	Law & Order
	601	562	41	SLC	Rich Bride, Poor Bride		X-Weighted "Kyla"		X-Weighted		X-Weighted "Jannette"		ET
	522	506	43	HIS	Ice Road Truckers		Ancient Discoveries		Underworld Histories		Life After People (N)		Disaster
	625	548	44	COM	Air Farce	22 Minutes	Corner Gas	Name Is Earl	The Simpsons	South Park	Hot Box	Jon Dore Show	Daily Show
	600	564	46	H&G	House Hunters	Property Virgin	Holmes Inspection		Renovation	Disaster DIY	House Hunters	House Hunters	Holmes
	294	529	47	TBS	Family Guy	Family Guy	House-Payne	House-Payne	Law & Order: SVU		*Planes, Trains and Automobiles* (1987)		
	576	582	49	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live		Monica: Still	*Hustle & Flow* ★★★ (2005, Drama) Terrence Howard, Taryn Manning.					Mo'Nique
	627	528	50	SPC	Stargate Atlantis (DVS)		Star Trek: Voyager		Primeval		Eureka "Ship Happens"		Star Trek
	581	566	52	MTV	The City	After	Disaster Date	Real World/Road Rules Challenge			Gone Too Far "Amy"		MTV Live
	618	524	54	TROP	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	The Outer Limits		ET	TV Made, Do It	Family Guy	Seinfeld	Seinfeld
	603	561	56	FOOD	Ricardo	Road Grill	Restaurant Makeover		Big Chef Takes on Little Chef		Ace of Cakes	Ace of Cakes	Family
	261	394	60	V	Murder, She Wrote		On the Buses	'Allo, 'Allo!	*Hope and Glory* ★★★ (1987, Comedy-Drama) Sebastian Rice-Edwards.				
	621	527	63	STR	Look-A-Like	TMZ	The Ellen DeGeneres Show (N)		The View (HDTV) (N)		The Dr. Oz Show (N)		TMZ
	553	546	65	TRE	Backyardigans	Nght Grdn	Waybuloo	Franklin	Little Bear	Maggie-Beast	Babar	Zigby	Max & Ruby
	115	711	101	TVA	La Fièvre de la danse (SC)		Dieu Merci (HDTV) (N) (SC)		Le Gentleman (N) (SC)		TVA nouvelles	(10:45) Denis Lévesque	
	126	730	102	RDI	24 Heures en 60 minutes		Grands reportages (SC)		Le Téléjournal (SC)		RDI économie	Le National	Le Téléjournal
	526	507	249	VIVA	Cold Case		Missing "Sea of Love"		The Closer		Cold Case		Psychic Inv.
	300	601	301	M1	(6:55) *45 R.P.M.* (2008, Drama)			Nurse Jackie	*Fanboys* ★★ (2008, Comedy) Sam Huntington.				Penn & Teller
	305	612	306	PIX	*The Last Sunset* ★★★ (1961, Western) Rock Hudson.				*Coogan's Bluff* (1968, Crime Drama)			(10:45) *Lethal Tender*	

critics' corner

Masterworks

Keith Haring's motto was "Art is for everyone," and that sensibility is reflected in his works: brightly colored, black-outlined, cartoonish figures, appealing in their simplicity and accessibility even to those who aren't art buffs. Archival footage and commentary from fellow artists, including Yoko Ono, help tell his story in "The Universe of Keith Haring." 10 PM on TVO

Doc Zone

It's certainly been quite the year for anniversaries. Some have been unhappy ones, such as the Tate-LaBianca murders, while others are worth celebrating, such as the moon landing and Woodstock. The subject of "Berlin Twenty Years After" definitely falls in the latter category. It's packed with personal stories from people who lived through the fall of the Berlin Wall two decades ago this month. 8 PM on CBC

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I love restaurants, but lately the service has been appalling.

There's torrential rain tonight — I can't wait to get to River. I've looked at their menu and am excited — reasonable prices for bistro-ish fare and wine is cheap. I'm famished.

There is only one other table despite it being Friday at 8:30 p.m. — it's the rain. Nice modern space though.

The appetizers are a decent price. The Antipasto Block ($12) is superb — olives, dip, cheese, grilled pita. Great presentation and quality of ingredients. All of this for $12?

My companion gets the Grilled Rib-Eye Steak ($22) which, I swear, has gone off and is way under cooked for medium rare, but he eats it anyway

My Pan Fried Tilapia (they were out of Pickerel) ($18) is fine, but both our (s)mashed potatoes leave us queasy, nevermind the questionable steak.

As soon as our mains are dropped off, the chefs leave. The server asks us if we want anything else halfway through our entrée. Coffee? They are closing, so no.

We are the only ones in the restaurant and it's still half an hour before it says they close. They can't wait for us to leave.

We can't either.

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Dining out

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Mr. America
Here comes Mario Lopez as the Miss America pageant host. The 36-year-old Extra host and former Dancing with the Stars contestant will again serve as master of ceremonies for the Jan. 30 live ceremony in Las Vegas. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Celebrity Buzz

Lindsay's baffled by Gerard rumour

WELL, HE'S PROBABLY NOT SO HAPPY ABOUT IT EITHER Lindsay Lohan is baffled by reports she is romancing Scottish actor Gerard Butler, insisting the persistent rumours about her love life are all "lies," reports femalefirst.co.uk

The Mean Girls star is alleged to have enjoyed a number of flings since splitting from DJ girlfriend Samantha Ronson earlier this year.

The latest tabloid claims link Lohan to The Ugly Truth star Butler after they were allegedly spotted kissing at the grand opening of a luxury beach resort in Morocco on Sunday. But she insists she wouldn't have the time to keep up with all her suitors if the rumours were true and admits the inaccurate media reports constantly keep her smiling. In a Twitter post, she wrote "One minute I'm dumped, the next I'm dating a model, now Gerard? WHO HAS THE TIME! Such lies — it keeps me laughing."

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Chris quashes kissing Kate story

GWYNETH COULD SO TAKE HER OUT Chris Martin's rep is denying a new Star tabloid story that claims the Coldplay rocker, 32, recently kissed 26-year-old actress Kate Bosworth, usmagazine.com reports. Star quotes an unnamed as saying that Martin was "totally making out with Kate in front of other people" at an unnamed event.

But Martins rep tells usmagazine.com: "This story is entirely untrue." Martin and his wife of six years, Gwyneth Paltrow, are "more than fine," a source tells Us.

The source says the alleged Martin-Bosworth make-out "simply never happened. She may have been in the same room with him, but he is not having an affair, was not kissing her or holding her hand."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Will Russell pop the question?

WHAT'S IT BEEN, TWO MONTHS? Russell Brand is set to propose to Katy Perry, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The British comedian — who has been linked to a string of beauties in the past and is known for his womanizing ways — has amazed friends with his new attitude to romance and pals are convinced he is getting ready to ask the singer to marry him, the website says. A source close to Russell said: "We've never seen him like this. He always has a woman on his arm, or in his bed, and hasn't been interested in monogamy. "But this is different — we all think it won't be long before he marries Katy. I'm waiting for a call to say they are in that Little Chapel in Vegas and have run off to get married."

Former Oasis rocker Noel Gallagher added: "He's a changed man, Russell." The 34-year-old star admitted he has never been happier than since he embarked on his romance with Katy, 25. He said: "To be honest I haven't stopped smiling. She's a lovely girl and it's going really, really well"

METRO WORLD NEWS

We named our son Sparrow to give him a challenge in life: Joel

JUST DON'T BE SURPRISED WHEN HE STOPS TALKING TO YOU Joel Madden admits that he and Nicole Richie had an ulterior motive in naming their new son Sparrow: to make his life difficult. "My worry raising a son in Hollywood is, what will he have to struggle for?" Madden tells Britain's OK! Magazine. "I wanted to give him a name that he's going to have to stand up for."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Brad goes bike shopping in Japan

GOOD LUCK FITTING THAT IN A CARRY-ON Brad Pitt is using his trip to Japan for the Tokyo premiere of Inglourious Basterds to shop for a new motorcycle. "I had a little mishap. No injuries, except my ego," Pitt said about an incident in L.A. last month, according to PopCrunch. "I was trying to get away from some paparazzi and instead gave them a good story. It was my favorite bike, so that is really sad. I will definitely be looking at motorcycles. You've got some of the best builders right here."

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Carrie gives Mike a shout-out

I WANT THE WORLD TO KNOW... I'M A PUCK BUNNY Carrie Underwood's given her hockey-player boyfriend Mike Fisher a shout-out on the liner notes of her new CD, Play On, people.com reports. "Thank you #12," she writes in the notes, referring to the Ottawa Senator player's jersey number. "You are the most amazing addition to my life! You are such a wonderful person and have had such an amazing hand in the building of this album and in the growth of me as a person. I love you so much! You make my life better in every way! I thank God for you every day... xoxo, Carrie."

METRO WORLD NEWS

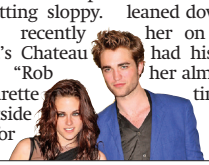
Harry Potter gets naked in new film

HOT TIMES AT HOGWARTS Daniel Radcliffe apparently had such a good time going nude on stage in Equus that he's willing to strip again — for one of the last Harry Potter films. "Daniel Radcliffe appears naked in one scene where Harry and Ron are fighting a magical creature," director David Yates admits to Italian magazine Sorrisi e Canzoni. "We see Harry and a woman embracing and kissing. It's an intriguing scene and very sensual."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Rob, Kristen seen making out

SHOCKING BUT POSSIBLY TRUE Twilight co-stars Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart may be trying to conceal any possible relationship, but they're getting sloppy. The two were recently spotted at L.A.'s Chateau looking cozy. "Rob wanted a cigarette so he went outside with Kristen for about 15 minutes," the source tells Us Weekly. "They were hugging as Rob was smoking his cigarette, and then he leaned down and kissed her on the lips. He had his arm around her almost the whole time."



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Penn Jr. reportedly arrested in Malibu

THE APPLE DOESN'T FALL FAR FROM THE TREE Sean Penn's 16-year-old son was reportedly arrested last week, sources close to the investigation tell Radar Online. Since he's a minor, no information on the charges was released, but the source says the boy was picked up by sheriffs at his Malibu school and taken into custody.

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Celebrity tweets

Paris Hilton apparently doesn't remember fighting with her boyfriend on Halloween, Stephen Fry has to pretend, Lisa Loeb shares one of her favorite recipes, and Sarah Brown isn't satisfied with just reading tweets.

@ParisHilton
I had the best Halloween ever! What did everyone do on Halloween?

• @stephenfry
Appearing on "Good Morning LA" this morning so practising being perky. Car arrives to take me to the studio in 20 minutes.

• @lisaloeb4real
crushed ice w/real pineapple/coconut juice w/a huge dollop of greek yogurt on top. Eat with a spoon. Refreshing. like ice cream for bkfast

• @SarahBrown10
Much as I love Twitter, I agree with Phll Hogan that it is no substitute for a real book

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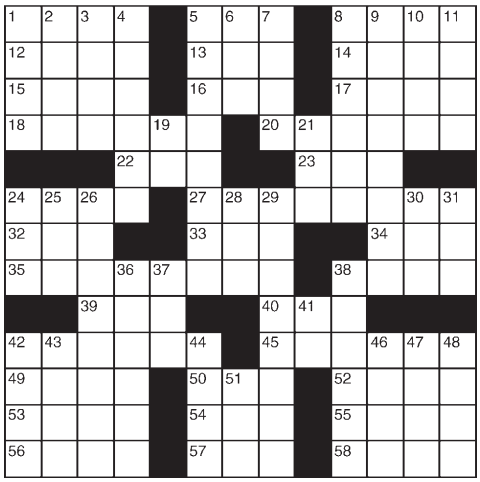

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

1				4		6	9	7
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		5		6	9	8		
5				7	3	1		
		7	2	5				6
		2	5	1		9		
9			4					
4	3	8		9				1

ACROSS

1 Apiece
5 Gasoline ratio (Abbr.)
8 Old card game
12 Parisian pop
13 Debtor's letters
14 Narc's measure
15 Persia, now
16 Up to, for short
17 Couple, to TMZ
18 Café royale ingredient
20 Spoofs on stage
22 Blond shade
23 "Howzat again?"
24 Scrooge's cries
27 Puts on a jury (Var.)
32 Inventor Whitney
33 Half of CIV
34 "To be or — ..."
35 Pigs out
38 Catch sight of
39 Young lion
40 Web-site address end
42 Religious retreat
45 Semitic tongue
49 Taylor or Tyler
50 Doctrine
52 Emanation
53 Queue
54 Actress Thompson
55 Peel
56 Succumbs to gravity
57 Lair
58 Low joint?

DOWN

1 Grand tale
2 Aviation-related
3 Rock climber's handhold
4 Reddish-brown dyes
5 Gone With the Wind author
6 Luau bowlful
7 Wide gap
8 Slalomer's slope
9 "Top Chef" settings
10 Sheltered
11 — River, N.J.
19 For example
21 "Eureka!"
24 Spell-down
25 Carte lead-in
26 Seeking a ride
28 "O Sole —"
29 Billy Mays, notably
30 Prune
31 Pigpen
36 Quick voltage increases
37 "The — Daba Honeymoon"
38 Set sail
41 "Aloha —"
42 Puncturing tools
43 Actor LaBeouf
44 Not very spicy
46 Destruction
47 Sea flier
48 Test the waters
51 Bishopric

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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5	9	7	3	1	6	2	4	8
1	8	4	2	7	5	9	6	3
2	3	6	4	8	9	7	1	5
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6	5	3	8	2	1	4	7	9
9	4	1	5	3	7	8	2	6

On the web

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Metro Recipe of the Day

Hearty Sausage & Pepper Sauté

Submitted by Karen Green, Toronto

INGREDIENTS:

1 medium onion, sliced
4 mild Italian sausages (substitute spicy chicken or vegetarian sausages if desired)
1 tbsp olive oil
3 red, orange and/or yellow peppers, washed, seeded and cut into 1/2-inch slices
4 large white mushrooms, cut into 1/8-inch slices
salt and pepper

METHOD:

1. Heat olive oil in a large pan over medium heat. Cook sausages, remove from pan and slice into into 1/2-inch rounds.
2. Place rounds back in pan, add peppers and sauté for an additional 3 minutes, tossing to coat.
3. Add onion and mushrooms. Season the mixture with salt and pepper.
4. Sauté ingredients until onions are transparent and peppers retain a bit of crunchiness.
5. To serve, heap generously onto a bun for an open-faced sandwich, or atop cooked rice. Just as delicious the next day!

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MARCH 21-APRIL 20
It does not matter whether or not others believe in what you are doing — the only thing that matters is that you believe it, and you do.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Be careful who you confide in today: If you reveal a secret to the wrong person it won't be a secret for long. Keep it to yourself for the time being.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
You're not sure what you are planning is such a good idea after all. But that's likely just a passing doubt that will disappear once you get started.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
You'll likely have a falling out today with someone who doesn't share your aims and ambitions. But it's probably just as well.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
Keep your eyes fixed on the bigger picture today and don't allow yourself to be distracted by events that won't take you closer to your ultimate goal.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
No matter how much you explain to certain people what it is you expect of them, they just don't seem to get it. Maybe you should stop trying so hard.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Someone you live or work with is harbouring a grudge and if you say the wrong thing they won't hesitate to use it against you. So think before you speak.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
If you take what someone tells you at face value you will be missing half the story, and the other half is more interesting by far.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
It might be wise to weigh your words in the balance, especially on the work front where not everyone shares your respect for the truth.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
You won't feel quite so pressured tomorrow and over the weekend, but today, alas, you will have to dance to someone else's tune.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Others may say you've been lucky, but maybe you should point out to them that if they had worked as hard as you they might have been lucky too.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Don't worry too much if you haven't started a project you've been thinking about for ages. The longer you leave it the more likely it is to be a success.

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